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Indigenous artists recreate iconic Toronto shirt — and they're flying off the shelves metroNEWS

Subway too hot to handle: Rider

BLOOR-DANFORTH

Number of ill passengers up, but TTC stops short of blaming the heat

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Leon Johnson was riding the Bloor-Danforth subway one stifling day last summer when he started to feel faint.

"My leg started shaking and I started feeling as if I was going to fall," he recalls.

"It was a bit scary."

The 31-year-old had never felt like that before, and, packed into an un-air-conditioned car without a seat for over an hour, he blamed the heat.

Johnson was able to get off for some fresh air that day, but he had two more "close calls" in the following months. He's not alone.

Data provided to Metro by the TTC shows emergency alerts related to ill passengers were up 29 per cent on the Bloor-Danforth line this summer compared to last year.

There were 65 medical-related emergency passenger alerts during the summer of 2015. This year, there were 84.

TTC spokesperson Stuart Green said the agency takes the increase in emergency alarms seriously, but he stopped short of blaming the heat.

"In terms of whether or not they're connected to hot cars, we can't make that connection," he said.

Leon Johnson regularly commutes to work on the Bloor-Danforth subway line and almost fainted due to the heat more than once this summer. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Jessica Bell, director of transit advocacy group TTCriders, called the spike in sick passengers "very concerning" and urged the TTC to investigate.

"What's so scary is that instead of seeing these warning signs for what they are, and responding with funding, city hall is responding with more cuts," Bell said, noting Mayor John Tory has requested the TTC reduce its budget by 2.6 per cent next year.

The mayor's own trip on a hot Bloor-Danforth car in early September — at the urging of frustrated transit rider Bianca Spence — was delayed by an emergency health alert.

"The situation commuters faced this summer was unacceptable," said Tory spokeswoman Keerthana Kamalavasan. "The TTC worked hard to get AC repairs done as quickly as possible this year. We will do better next year through preventative repairs."

Johnson hopes that's the case.

"This is a serious health concern of taking the subway on a daily basis," he said. "There's no way passengers should be going through this."

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Lunar cycle turns to the dark side

ASTRONOMY

Rare 'black moon' will be undetectable Friday night

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

A "black moon" will rise above the Western Hemisphere this weekend, but you won't be able to spot it.

You won't see even this much of the moon on Friday night. **A 'black moon' occurs when there is a second new moon in a single month.** FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The term refers to the second new moon in a calendar month. There hasn't been one since March 2014 and there won't be another until July 2019.

For those who aren't up to date on their lunar definitions, a new moon is when the illuminated side faces away from the Earth.

This means that on Friday, Sept. 30 at 8:11 p.m. EST, when the black moon rises, it will be undetectable to humans below.

You will see plenty of stars, however, weather permitting. Moonless skies tend to appear darker, making new moon nights a prime time for stargazing.

A black moon is basically the opposite of a blue moon — the term given to the second full moon in a calendar month.

A few days after the black moon, a small silver slit will begin to appear, as the crescent moon starts to build.

Those in the Eastern Hemisphere will get an extra Halloween treat when they experience a black moon toward the end of October — either on the 30th or 31st depending on the location.

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This photo via a Global News cameraman shows Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders' SUV blocking a fire hydrant on Victoria Street. COURTESY JEREMY COHN

TRAFFIC

Police chief's car parked next to hydrant

Police Chief Mark Saunders' vehicle was spotted parked illegally on Wednesday afternoon, next to a fire hydrant at a busy intersection, while he attended an event in downtown Toronto.

In a photo taken by a Global News cameraman, the chief's police-issued SUV was parked directly in front of a fire hydrant on Victoria Ave., just east of Dundas St. E., at about 12:30 p.m. Global reported that the SUV remained parked there for more than 30 minutes.

According to the police service, Saunders was attending the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies' Freedom Day, and ensured that the driver of the vehicle was "close enough in the event firefighters needed access to the hydrant."

"The chief of police's driver goes to great lengths to park appropriately," police spokesperson Meaghan Gray told Torstar News Service. "If there is no other option, they will park where they need to, in order to provide that safety and security should something happen."

In an initiative at the beginning of September to crack down on gridlock, Toronto Police issued 1,467 tickets and towed 298 vehicles in a four-day enforcement blitz targeting parked vehicles that were obstructing busy downtown streets.

According to a Canadian Press analysis of Toronto's parking-ticket data, the city collected more than $24 million between 2008 and 2014 in fines levied against drivers who parked too close to hydrants. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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School bus drivers flown in from Alberta

TRANSPORTATION

Extraordinary measures help address shortage

From left, **Bill Hunton, Kristi Dick, Gilles Boudreau and Martina Sauer.** The four school bus drivers from Edmonton are in the city helping out with the shortage. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Some Toronto students are being driven to school by bus drivers recently flown in from Edmonton, while others are being chauffeured in style — in black SUVs operated by a Toronto limousine service.

Those are some of the extreme and costly measures being taken by a consortium of Toronto school bus providers amid a driver shortage that has thrown families and schools into chaos this month.

The disruption and complaints, involving both public and Catholic boards, have been so massive the Ontario Ombudsman launched a formal investigation this week.

Kristi Dick, 36, is one of four Alberta drivers who agreed to come to Toronto for four to six weeks to help address the shortfall.

"I'm adventurous," says Dick, who arrived almost two weeks ago and started her Toronto route on Sept. 19. "It was an easy choice to make to come and help out."

The arrangement was made by Stock Transportation, which runs the largest number of routes within Toronto Student Transportation Services, a consortium that operates bus services for the Toronto public and Catholic school boards.

While Stock was not short of drivers for its own routes, the company offered to provide them from elsewhere to help address the unexpected shortage that hit other companies at the beginning of the school year.

"Our Edmonton location had a surplus, so we offered (drivers) to the Toronto consortium," said Leslie Cross, vice-president of Canadian operations for Stock.

It's a more immediate solution than training new drivers and completing police checks, a process that can take three to four weeks, depending on the company.

Return flights for the Edmonton drivers, as well as their shared hotel accommodation, meals and wages, will be paid for by the consortium, Cross said.

In Toronto's west end, up to 42 students a day are being ferried to school in six-passenger black SUVs operated by Super Stealth Inc., confirmed Peter Dawson, vice-president at the Toronto limousine service.

That deal was facilitated by the Toronto consortium and is among several sub-contracts aimed at getting students to school until enough new drivers can be hired and trained, said Kevin Hodgkinson, general manager of the student transportation group.

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ENVIRONMENT

Woman's trash cleanup inspires others

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto woman's effort to pick up trash along the lakeshore has inspired others to clean up their cities.

Madara Mejoule successfully organized a community cleanup along the waterfront last weekend. About 40 people pitched in, collecting nine large bags full of trash.

Now a similar initiative is taking place in Port Credit, Mississauga, on Saturday. Organizer Cindy Wilding participated in the lakeshore cleanup and wants to bring more attention to the issue of littering, especially in public spaces.

Wilding first started picking up after litterbugs three years ago. She was walking her son to school and spotted a broken beer bottle on the sidewalk. She decided to come back and pick up the pieces of glass "before someone cuts themselves or a dog steps in it," she said.

"Then I thought I might as well pick up some more trash around. That's how it all started."

She's since created the Trash Walking Moms Facebook page, where she shares pictures of garbage she picks up and encourages others to do the same.

"We have beautiful waterside parks and trails, and it's just sad to see too much garbage around," she said.

Mejoule plans to return the favour and join Wilding in Port Credit this weekend. A number of children, some just toddlers, helped out during her cleanup and she hopes to see the same in Mississauga.

"It's about teaching the new generation about environment," she said. "I want littering to be a thing of the past."

The Port Credit cleanup is taking place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting in Richard's Memorial Park.

Cindy Wilding, left, joined **Madara Mejoule** last weekend to help clean up garbage along the lakeshore. CONTRIBUTED

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Here's what a group of volunteers who helped clean up Toronto's lakeshore found:

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Musical greats 70 metres high

Artist Adrian Hayles is painting a 70-metre mural at Yonge and Gerrard streets, honouring the neighbourhood's musical past. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

ART

Glenn Gould, B.B. King to loom large over Yonge

Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

A 22-storey mural splashed with images of Gordon Lightfoot, Ronnie Hawkins and Oscar Peterson is taking appreciation for Yonge Street's musical past to new heights.

The first stage of the piece featuring the faces of nine icons was unveiled today, but the 70-metre mural near Yonge and Gerrard streets is expected to be complete in November.

Organizers hope the mural, being painted by artist Adrian Hayles with the help of a lift, will be visible from as far away as Bloor Street. They say it is meant to capture Yonge Street's heyday in the '50s and '60s when music lovers flocked to Sam the Record Man's famed store and stars like B.B. King and Muddy Waters played in clubs along the strip.

Since that time a bit of "historical amnesia" has set in, said Marc Garner, the executive director of the Downtown Yonge BIA, the organization behind the mural. "That's why we needed to do this to pay homage to the past performers who made Yonge the Canadian icon music street what it was."

For those who are too young to remember the buzz around the street, the mural "will eventually have a mobile app where if you put your phone up to Oscar Peterson's keyboard on the mural, you'll hear his music," Garner explained.

Who will be on the mural?

1 Ronnie Hawkins
Hawkins is depicted strutting his stuff as an ode to his famous rooster moves.

2 Glenn Gould
Legendary pianist Gould performed at Yonge Street's Massey Hall.

3 Dianne Brooks
This Canadian jazz vocalist performed at The Bluenote club.

4 Jackie Shane
American-Canadian singer Shane regularly performed at the Saphire Tavern.

5 Muddy Waters
This famous blues artist often played a small club called Colonial Tavern.

6 Shirley Matthews
This Ontarian pop singer was a hit at Yonge Street's Club Bluenote.

7 B. B. King
King always made sure to perform at Colonial Tavern during his Toronto trips.

8 Gordon Lightfoot
This Canadian legend has played plenty of Yonge Street venues including Massey Hall.

9 Oscar Peterson
This jazz pianist recorded an entire live album from Yonge Street's Town Tavern.

AVIATION

Flying Goodyear blimp a challenge for experienced pilots

Wingfoot Two, the newest addition to Goodyear's fleet of three blimps, is in town to film aerial coverage for the World Cup of Hockey and the Toronto Blue Jays.

While many see the blimp each year from down on the ground (some 60 million, according to Paul Fitzhenry, senior vice-president of global communications for Goodyear), not many get to experience the airship up close.

The blimp, which can seat up to 12 and two crew, resembles a small airplane from the inside. There are two rows of familiar fixed blue seats, pull-down arm rests and tray tables. But the windows are unlike the windows on commercial airplanes. These windows are large and there's no wall separating the passenger seats from the two pilot chairs up front and their array of controls.

Towards the back of the small gondola, is a bathroom, complete with a window.

"The loo with a view," quips James Kosmos, senior pilot for Goodyear.

With an airship that can carry enough fuel to fly for 24 to 40 hours, this is a must. Perhaps surprisingly, it is a new addition to this model of blimp and its predecessor, Wingfoot One.

Kosmos said his Goodyear interview was "the most difficult interview of [his] life."

Goodyear now has 12 pilots on staff. It requires candidates to come in with a pilot's license, bank at least 200 to 250 hours at the blimp controls, and spend six months with the crew before they become a full-fledged pilot, according to Jerry Hissem, chief pilot for Goodyear.

Flying a blimp is more challenging than flying an airplane, according to Kosmos.

"With an airplane, you kind of do everything the same way every time," Kosmos said.

"In a blimp you can't do that because of the way the air currents affect it." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wingfoot Two is the newest addition to Goodyear's fleet of three blimps. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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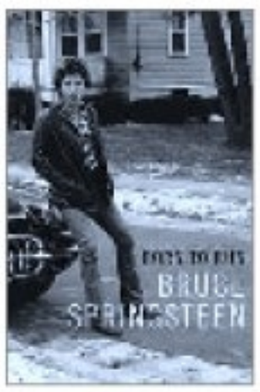

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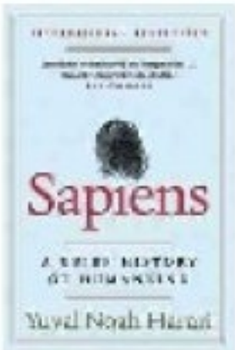

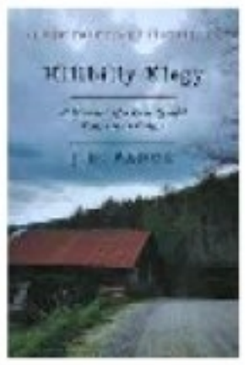

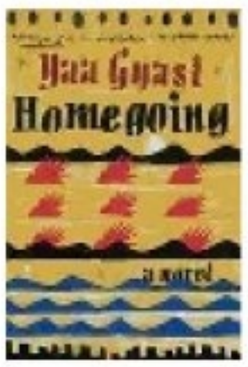

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Students, royals to talk mental illness

HEALTH

Delegation to meet couple in B.C. for chat

Shayan Yazdanpanah, a representative of a youth mental health advocacy group, will see Kate and William on October 1. LEFT: CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES; RIGHT: MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two years ago, Shayan Yazdanpanah was backing away from social interaction and neglecting his friends. He felt down but didn't understand why. But a stronger awareness of his own mental health has helped Yazdanpanah change his life.

On Saturday, the 20-year-old Ryerson University student will spend an afternoon with Prince William and Kate on a boat in the Victoria, B.C., harbour talking about young people's mental health and well-being.

"Ultimately, it's cool to meet the royal couple, but it's an amazing opportunity to get this international platform to spread our message," he said.

William, Kate and Prince Harry recently began a campaign called Heads Together, working with eight UK charities to fight the stigma surrounding mental health.

"I want to tell them how happy we are that they are taking on this mission," Yazdanpanah said.

He is part of a delegation from the youth mental health charity Jack.org set to meet Will and Kate on Saturday.

The royal couple will meet with members of a B.C. mental health resource centre before setting sail with Yazdanpanah and 18 of his Jack.org colleagues on a tall ship from a youth sailing program.

Two years ago, as he finished high school and started university, Yazdanpanah began to feel anxiety creeping up on him.

"It started hindering a lot of aspects of my life," he said.

About a year and a half ago, he began working with Jack.org.

Founded in 2013 by the parents of Jack Windeler, a Queen's University student who committed suicide in 2010, Jack.org works to build awareness about mental health by having students speak to other young people at school events and conferences.

"You don't have to have a (diagnosed) mental illness to meditate or to see a counsellor or talk to a friend about how you're doing," Yazdanpanah said.

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MIFEGYMISO

Costly abortion pill concerns advocates

Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

The women who most need access to a forthcoming abortion pill won't be able to obtain it, say worried Toronto and national health advocates.

Their concerns were raised after it was revealed this week that Mifegymiso would not be covered by Ontario drug plans because its maker had pulled out of a medical review.

That means women seeking out the drug will have to pay as much as $300 to receive it.

"If you look at the percentage of the people having an abortion it is younger people, people on low income," said Dr. Erika Feuerstein, a staff clinician at the Bay Centre for Birth Control at Toronto's Women's College Hospital.

"The majority of people who need it probably can't afford to pay $300 for it."

Instead, cash-strapped students, those living on a low income and people in marginalized communities will have to use Misoprostol — one of two components in Mifegymiso that can be used alone.

Misoprostol is covered by OHIP, but doctors say it can be less effective.

However, even that may not be an option for everyone, says National Abortion Federation Canada president Vicki Saporta.

"We were hoping we would improve access for women in more rural areas where surgical abortion care is not more available and where women have to travel to get the care they need," she said.

Saporta said she hopes the company behind Mifegymiso will reverse its decision and participate in the review.

This is not Mifegymiso's first brush with controversy.

Its 2015 approval from Health Canada set off a storm of criticism from pro-life advocates and had experts worried some physicians would avoid prescribing the drug because of ethical beliefs and a history of attacks on physicians performing abortions.

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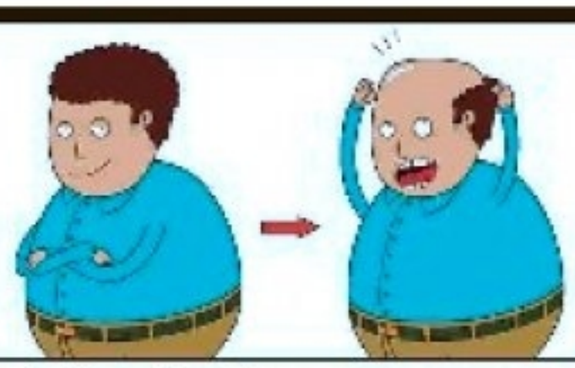

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LANGUAGE

OCAD students aim to spotlight indigenous presence in city

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Kaia'tanoron Bush, lower right, helped create T-shirts with "Toronto Vs Everybody" inscriptions in the indigenous Mohawk language. EDUARDO LIMA/ METRO

Toronto is getting some more love from local indigenous artists.

Students at OCAD University have created their own version of the ubiquitous "Toronto Vs Everybody" T-shirts. The big difference? The words are written in the Mohawk language.

"The goal of this project was to really bring to the forefront and create a dialogue about indigenous people in Toronto," said Kaia'tanoron Bush, a third-year student in indigenous visual culture who worked as the project lead.

"This is just to make a point about the indigenous presence in this city and the kind of linguistic and cultural background this area has," she said. "We really hope the shirts bring up that discussion."

The first batch consisting of 120 shirts in black and white were produced early this month, and sold out fast. The group is currently thinking about producing another series, having seen the level of interest from the community.

The initiative echoes another local project creating street signs in Toronto in the Anishinaabe language.

Born in Montreal to a French-Canadian mother and a Mohawk father, Bush believes the city — and the country as a whole for that matter — has an opportunity to better understand issues facing indigenous people. In the wake of recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the time has never been better to add a voice to the debate, she said.

"I think Toronto is kind of stepping in the right direction," she said, noting many aboriginal youth are getting access to education, and more indigenous communities are becoming active and speaking up on different topics.

"So it's going to make me very happy when I walk around and see people wearing those shirts promoting our language."

DEPORTATION

Not the Canada we want

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax activist is calling the shackling of an ill woman facing deportation not the "kind of Canada we expect to live in."

El Jones is holding a rally Thursday to urge the provincial justice minister to intervene in the case of Fliss Cramman and have the 33-year-old unshackled while recovering from surgery in the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Cramman came to Ontario from England when she was eight years old, and only became aware she was not a citizen after a recent drug conviction. She served two-thirds of her sentence, but was detained in a Halifax jail by the Canada Border Services Agency after officials began looking into her citizenship this summer.

She then suffered a perforated colon, and was rushed to the Dartmouth hospital for emergency surgery in August.

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Cafe wants to hire Syrians

THEATRE CENTRE

Offers itself as networking location for aspiring artists

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto café is hoping to be a stepping stone for Syrian newcomers looking to break into showbiz.

The Theatre Centre in Toronto's west end is looking to hire Syrian refugees to work at its café, giving them a job opportunity and the chance to connect with the local arts community.

With the help of CultureLink, the centre already offers free tickets to Syrians to watch some shows, but wanted to find a better way to help newcomers integrate into society.

"What theatre does best is create a sense of community and bring a social aspect to life," said Franco Boni, the centre's artistic director. "So for someone who is new to be able to come here, create a routine of going to work and interact with people everyday, it makes life less lonely."

Refugee advocates across the city continue to insist job opportunities are a top priority for Syrians. Most of them already had careers before fleeing, and it can be a daunting task to land a job in their respective fields.

"There's so many barriers for any newcomer," said Boni, noting even artists from other parts of the country find it hard to break into Toronto's artistic scene.

"We hope that their relationship will grow outside just the café. We want to be that place that helps them to grow."

Syrian refugees with experience in the performing arts are being invited to work at Toronto's Theatre Centre café (pictured), where a monthly community dining event can help them network and pursue their artistic passions. CONTRIBUTED

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CHARITY

Choir sponsors refugee families

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Choir! Choir! Choir! member Jacqueline Whyte Appleby jokes that attending the biweekly singalong is kind of like going to church.

So, it makes some sense that the group, like churches, mosques and synagogues across the country, is privately sponsoring two refugee families.

The first, an Iraqi family, arrived at the start of the month.

"People of all different walks of life, races, genders, feel safe in choir and we feel really lucky that we get to do that, so we thought, why not welcome a family or two into what we know of as a safe place and community," said choir co-leader Daveed Goldman.

Choir! Choir! Choir! began raising funds and working with Ryerson's Lifeline Syria late last year.

> **There really is a huge group behind us that made what we feel very privileged to do possible.**
> Jacqueline Whyte Appleby

They quickly raised over $70,000, more than they needed to support the Syrian family they were matched with. So, they were connected with the Iraqi family as well.

"Obviously that conflict crosses borders and there are a lot of people who are not Syrian who are also in need," said Whyte Appleby.

The drop-in choir meets two times a week at Clinton's Tavern on Bloor Street West to sing everything from Justin Bieber to the Beatles.

A viral video of them singing David Bowie's Space Oddity right after his death recently led to a performance at a Bowie tribute night at New York City's Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall.

A core group of 12 "get 'er done" women did most of the grunt work on the refugee cases, Whyte Appleby said, but it wouldn't have been possible without the support of the entire choir community, which numbers in the thousands.

"Every single person in choir who comes out has been cheering us on and donating," she added.

There's still the question of how exactly to explain the curious concept of the drop-in choir to the families they've helped bring to Canada.

"Once we have Internet in the house we'll load up YouTube," Whyte Appleby said with a laugh.

Members of Toronto's Choir! Choir! Choir! have sponsored an Iraqi refugee family. Members of the drop-in singing group helped the family move to their new apartment earlier this month. COURTESY BRYANNA REILLY

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Plan for the future, civic group urges

With Ottawa earmarking $60 billion for infrastructure spending over the next decade, a coalition of GTA civic leaders is urging investment in projects that will help communities prosper over the long haul.

CivicAction, in a report being released Thursday in collaboration with Deloitte, makes a variety of proposals for prioritizing that spending.

It consulted more than 80 organizations spanning business, political, community service, arts and culture, and academic fields in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, regarding the challenges they face and their infrastructure needs.

Future infrastructure should be "trade-enabling," the report recommends, highlighting the fact that exports and imports account for more than half of the national GDP. Airports, roads, ports and highways are examples of projects that can boost trade, said CEO Sevaun Palvetzian.

The "resiliency factor" also needs to be taken into account, the report suggests. Projects must be "future-proofed," to account for changing weather patterns and increased population density.

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> **Let's not make perfection something that holds us back from progress.**
> Sevaun Palvetzian

COMMUTING

Mass compensation over GO breakdown

Metrolinx will offer additional compensation to hundreds of passengers who were stuck on a Lakeshore East GO train for more than three hours over mechanical issues Tuesday evening, says spokesperson Anne Marie Aikins.

About 600 people were on the 4:30 p.m. train from Union Station to Oshawa when it broke down shortly after leaving Ajax. The train didn't move again until about 8:30 p.m., when another engine pushed it back into the station. Passengers were not permitted to leave the train during the delay and, for some time, the power and air-conditioning systems cut out completely.

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> **The bottom line is, it should not have taken that long to get them off the train.**
> Anne Marie Aikins

Metrolinx placed a $770-million order with Bombardier in 2010 for up to 182 vehicles to run on Ontario LRT lines, including 76 vehicles for the Eglinton Crosstown and 23 for the Finch Avenue W. route. COURTESY BOMBARDIER

Bombardier may lose Finch contract

TRANSIT

Metrolinx looking to other suppliers for LRT vehicles

With Bombardier struggling to deliver vehicles for Ontario light rail projects on time, the province has decided to give the company some competition.

A provincial source confirmed that Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario are seeking other potential vehicle suppliers for one of their Toronto LRT lines. The agencies have told the three consortia bidding on the Finch West LRT that they can include a vehicle supplier as part of their bids.

The new instructions from the province mean that Bombardier may be dropped as the vehicle supplier for Finch. The bidding process is scheduled to close in February.

Infrastructure Ontario referred questions about Finch vehicles to Metrolinx, the provincial transit agency for the GTHA. Metrolinx wouldn't comment in detail on vehicle procurement for the line.

"Metrolinx is exploring all options. No decision has been made at this point," wrote agency spokesperson Anne Marie Aikins in an email.

Metrolinx placed a $770-million order with Bombardier in 2010 for up to 182 vehicles to run on Ontario LRT lines, including 76 vehicles for the Eglinton Crosstown and 23 for the Finch Ave. West route.

> **I've had more schedules than streetcars.**
> TTC head Andy Byford

But the company has fallen behind schedule on the order. It was originally supposed to supply the pilot vehicle for the Eglinton Crosstown in 2014, but that date was later revised to spring 2015. The company missed both deadlines. In July the company pledged to deliver the pilot by the end of August. Metrolinx still hasn't received it.

In a sign that Metrolinx was growing impatient with Bombardier, this summer the agency issued the company a notice of default claiming it was in breach of contract because of the delays.

In addition to trouble with the Metrolinx order, Bombardier has also been unable to meet the original timelines for delivering the TTC's new fleet of 204 streetcars. The company was supposed to have supplied 73 by the end of 2015, but as of this week the TTC has only 24 in service.

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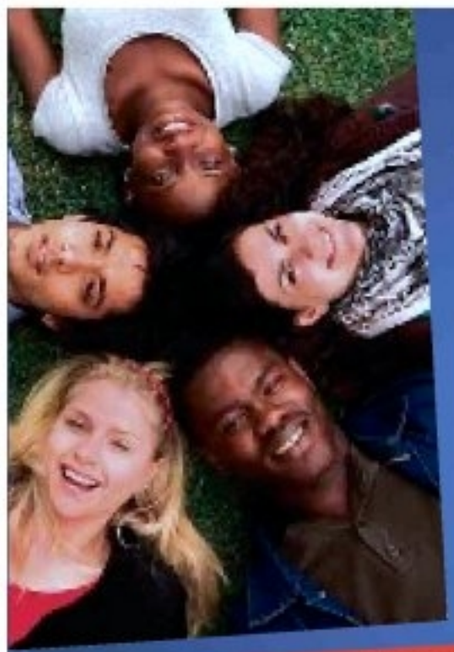

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TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Overdue fines down, especially for kids

Tara Deschamps
For Metro | Toronto

Toronto youth are about to catch a break when it comes to overdue library books.

The Toronto Public Library is introducing a new fine structure Oct. 3 that will slash fees for young users.

"It's part of an effort to welcome more people to the library and encourage more kids, teens and adults under 25 to use the library," spokesperson Ana-Maria Critchley told Metro.

Instead of the current 20 cents per item for every day something is late, children age 12 and under will be charged 10 cents for each day an item is overdue with a maximum $4 fee per item.

Those between 13 and 25 will also see their charges drop to 15 cents per item per day with a maximum $6 fee per item.

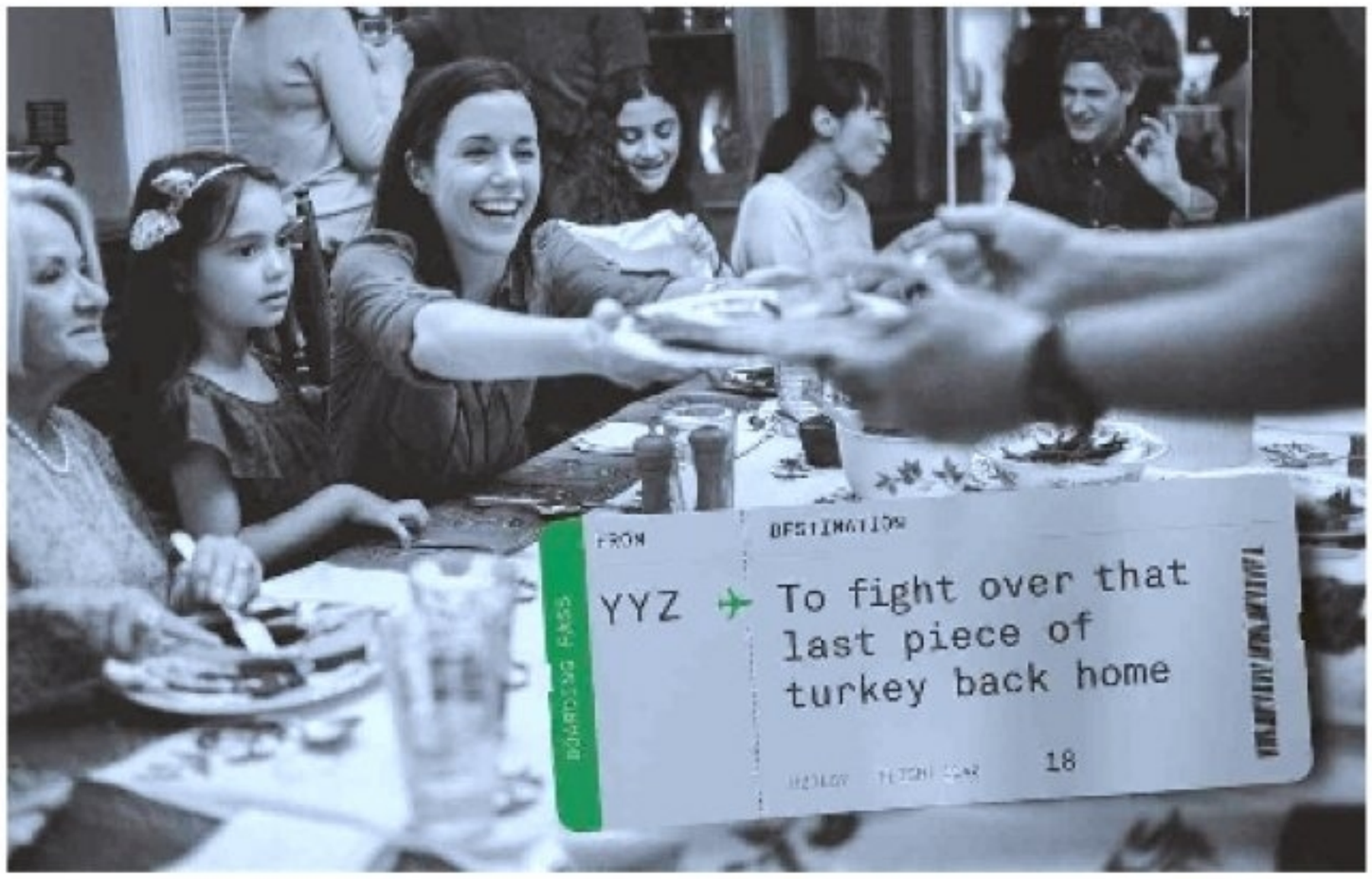
Despite other Canadian library systems completely forgoing fees to break down barriers associated with youth accessing books and other materials, city librarian Vickery Bowles told Metro, "TPL does not have any plans to eliminate fines for any group of customers."

10 cents

The new daily fine for children 12 and under. The previous fine was 20 cents per day.

+ DVD FINES

Effective Oct. 3, the library is reducing fines for late DVDs to 35 cents per day per item, instead of the previous 40-cent rate, and capped at $14 maximum. The library is also doubling its loan period for TV series on DVDs from seven to 14 days.



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Budget cut will trim to the bone

MUNICIPALITY

Library says 2.6 per cent directive will hurt services

Toronto's bustling library system is the latest agency to say it can't make city council's directive to cut 2.6 per cent of its spending without hurting services to Torontonians.

At a meeting this week, chief librarian Vickery Bowles presented the library board with 2 per cent in proposed "efficiencies," through increased revenue from space rentals plus lower spending, thanks to technological innovations including fine payments at self-checkout terminals.

The $3.529 million in savings includes eliminating 8.7 full-time staff positions. To hit the target approved by city council at the urging of Mayor John Tory, the library would have to cut a further $1.077 million.

Unavoidable costs for negotiated salary increases plus improved services — including expanded Sunday hours at some branches — boost the library's 2017 operating budget request to $178.8 million, or 0.9 per cent over this year's budget.

"If TPL is required to find equivalent savings to meet the (council-directed) target, the Library would then need to implement service reductions," Bowles wrote in her report, adding she'll continue hunting for efficiencies.

Toronto's library system is one of the busiest in the world, with 32.5 million items borrowed in 2015 amid increasing demand for online services and use of computer terminals in the 100 branches. The budget has risen, for the past six years, at half the rate of inflation.

The request, approved by the board, goes to budget committee and eventually city council, which will have final say in February.

Maureen O'Reilly, president of the union representing Toronto library staff, said the system is underfunded, considering the city's growing population and surging demand for library services.

Responding to city hall's austerity push by relying on technology to replace library staff would be "disastrous" for customer service and satisfaction, she said.

Library staff levels have dropped 14 per cent since municipal amalgamation, to 1,732.2 full-time staff equivalents.

The library is not alone in failing to hit council's cost-cutting target. Similar complaints are coming from Toronto's public health board, Toronto Community Housing and the TTC.

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$3.529 million

The amount of money proposed to be cut from this year's budget, amounting to a 2 per cent cut. To reach Mayor John Tory's mandated 2.6 per cent target the library must cut another $1.077 million.

Tailor swift to be oh-sew helpful

Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Just four days after arriving in Canada, a Syrian refugee found himself saving the day for one Ontario bride.

Jo Du was getting ready for her wedding day in the city of Guelph when the zipper of her dress broke. Of course there was a tiny bit of panic, but photographer Lindsay Coulter says the women were surprisingly calm.

Du and her now-husband Earl Lee had decided to rent a home to house their friends and family visiting from China, where the couple is originally from. No one knew what to do or where to go.

The group began calling different dress shops to see what they could do to fix the dress.

"Everyone was speaking Mandarin, but I could feel the tension," Coulter told Metro.

That's when Coulter sent a bridesmaid to a nearby neighbour to see if someone could supply pliers. But they did better.

"A very nicely dressed woman in a bridesmaid dress came running up the street, asking for our help," David Hobson said.

Hobson had just welcomed a family of Syrian refugees from Turkey into his home and knew there was someone who could help. Ibrahim Halil Dudu happened to be a master tailor for the past 28 years in Syria.

There were two ways to deal with the broken zipper, said Coulter. Either replace it completely, which a busy wedding-day schedule doesn't exactly leave much time for, or another choice.

"He basically sewed her right into the dress," she said.

Halil Dudu was happy to lend a hand.

"I was so excited ... to help Canadian people like other people helped me," he said.

Last Wednesday, Ibrahim Halil Dudu arrived in Canada. On Saturday, he saved the day. LINDSAY COULTER PHOTOGRAPHY/ LINDSAYCOULTERPHOTO.COM

EQUALITY YOUNG LEADING THE YOUNG Actor and United Nations Women Goodwill Ambassador Emma Watson meets with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa on Wednesday to kick off the One Young World Summit. Watson congratulated Trudeau on his gender-equal cabinet. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

This service dog has to go

MANITOBA

Alzheimer's patient not allowed to keep helper in condo

The Manitoba Human Rights Commission is investigating a complaint about a woman with Alzheimer's being told by her condominium board that she can no longer keep her specially trained dog.

Donna Davidson's son Murray says he trained the sheltie named Kaos to lead his mother to and from her husband's care home.

Murray Davidson says the dog has been registered with Service Dogs of Canada along with a doctor's note stating the necessity of his mother having the animal.

The condo board says they have a strict no-pets policy and don't believe Kaos is a legitimate service dog.

Board chairman Bruce Macfarlane says if the dog met Assistance Dogs International's standards, it would welcome the animal.

The human rights commission says for an animal to be considered a service dog, it must be trained to assist a person with a disability, and the work performed by the dog must be directly related to its owner's physical or mental disability.

But they do not have to be accredited by any specific organization.

Commission executive director Isha Khan. "Some provinces have gone that route, but Manitoba has not."

Murray Davidson says the dog is crucial to his mother's safety.

"I just feel better knowing that if she's out anywhere, the dog knows how to get home, and she will always get home," he says.

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Kaos — a sheltie like this dog — is trained to lead Donna Davidson to and from her husband's care home. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PM's food bill tough for Tories to swallow

POLITICS

Conservatives bristle at price of the in-flight meals on trips

Passengers who accompanied Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on his first two international trips were apparently well fed.

The government has revealed the cost of food and beverages supplied aboard a government Airbus used for the trips amounted to just over $1,300 per person.

Conservative MP Blaine Calkins calls the price tag "outrageous."

But a spokesman for National Defence, which is responsible for the government's fleet, says the total includes the actual cost of catering and delivering multiple meals on each round trip, as well as related costs such as disposable cutlery, napkins, dish washing, airport administrative fees and security charges and local taxes.

Daniel Lebouthillier said the defence department "tries to keep costs to a minimum" when choosing items from a catering company's menu. But the department's options are "sometimes quite limited" when dealing with caterers at overseas airports.

The total also includes the cost of feeding and watering journalists who covered the trip, which would have been wholly or partially recovered since media outlets pay hefty fees.

Given the number of meals served, the Prime Minister's Office said the cost works out to $54 per person for each meal — which compares favourably to the $41.70 per person the previous Conservative government acknowledged spending in 2009 on meals during trips on Challenger jets, smaller aircraft that are used only for short-haul flights within Canada and occasionally the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau apparently serves good grub. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POPULATION

Refugees bump up nation's numbers

Statistics Canada says a record number of immigrants arriving in the last year helped push the country's population to an estimated 36,286,425 as of July 1.

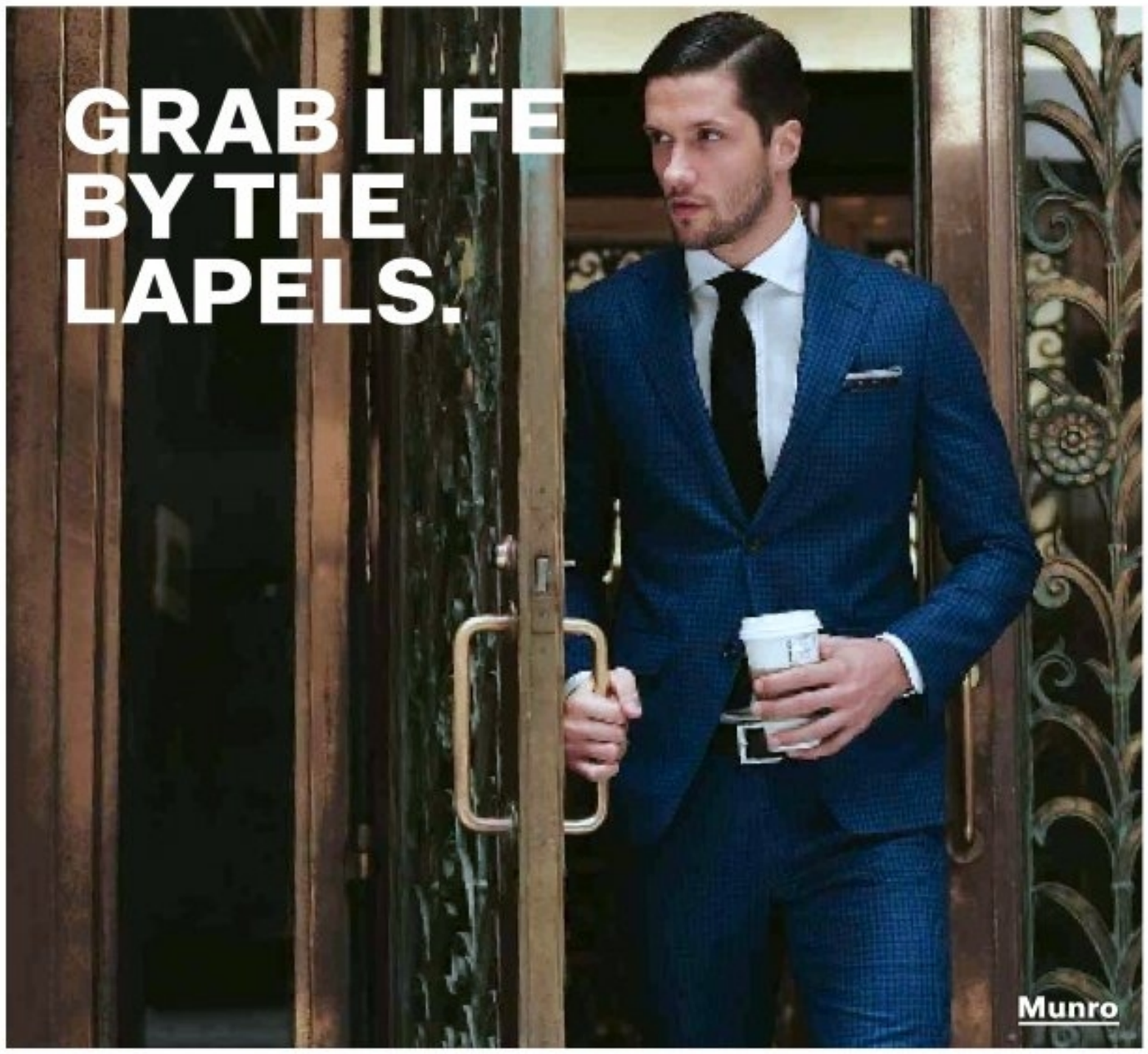
The agency says the country recorded an overall increase of 437,815 people, or 1.2 per cent, during the 2015-16 year.

Such an increase in absolute numbers hasn't been seen since 1988-89.

The overall rise was driven by the arrival of 320,932 immigrants. The report says the influx of Syrian refugees — more than 30,000 since last November — helped boost the numbers.

Under the system of population accounts used today, which dates to 1971, the previous record immigration level was recorded in 2009-10, when 270,581 newcomers arrived.

"The country had not received such a large number of immigrants in a single annual period since the early 1910s, during the settlement of Western Canada," StatsCan said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Clinton Berns bridge to crucial youth vote

U.S. ELECTION

Candidate joins Sanders to tout free-college plan to N.H. students

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders campaign at the University Of New Hampshire on Wednesday.
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Appealing to elusive young voters, Hillary Clinton turned to former primary adversary Bernie Sanders on Wednesday to connect with millennials drawn to third-party candidates threatening to act as spoilers in the 2016 campaign.

"None of this will happen if you don't turn out and vote," Clinton said on stage at the University of New Hampshire while flanked by Sanders, who overwhelmed her in the state's first-in-the-nation primary nine months ago.

Both Clinton and Sanders touted a plan they developed at the end of the primaries to make college debt-free for millions of students from middle-class and low-income families.

Amid signs promoting the proposal, Clinton promised to push the plan through Congress if elected. The former opponents sat on stage for a panel discussion on ways to make college more affordable in the battleground state.

"I am here today to ask you not only to vote for Secretary Clinton but to work hard," said Sanders, who exchanged a brief hug with Clinton after she took the stage. "It is imperative that we elect Hillary Clinton as our next president."

Young voters were a key part of President Barack Obama's winning coalition, with two-thirds of voters under 30 backing him in 2008 and 60 per cent four years later, according to exit polls. That same group fueled Sanders' insurgent bid, keeping him in the race until the final primary contest concluded in June.

But while millennials have recoiled from Donald Trump, they haven't flocked to Clinton, who's not only shy of Obama's mark but also well behind John Kerry's level of support with young voters when he lost in 2004.
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CALIFORNIA

Unarmed black man shot, killed by police

Police in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon shot and killed a black man a minute after arriving near a strip mall to investigate a report of a mentally unstable person walking in and out of traffic, an official said Wednesday.

El Cajon Police Department spokesman Lt. Rob Ransweiler said two officers arrived at the scene at about 2:10 p.m. Tuesday. Ransweiler says the shooting happened at 2:11 p.m.

He said police received the report about the mentally unstable person at 12:57 p.m. but did not immediately respond because they had other calls for service.

Police have said the man refused to comply with instructions to remove a hand from his pants pocket, paced back and forth, then rapidly drew an object from the pocket, placed both hands together and extended them in a "shooting stance."
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SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Alec Baldwin to try his hand at Trump

Saturday Night Live has made a YUGE decision: It has chosen Alec Baldwin to impersonate GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

NBC announced the deal Wednesday with a promo on social media, just days before Saturday Night Live begins its 42nd season and little more than a month before voters choose between Trump and his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Baldwin, a veteran SNL guest host, will debut his Trump impression opposite cast member Kate McKinnon's continuing turn as Clinton. Trump had previously been played by announcer Darrell Hammond and by the now-departed Taran Killam. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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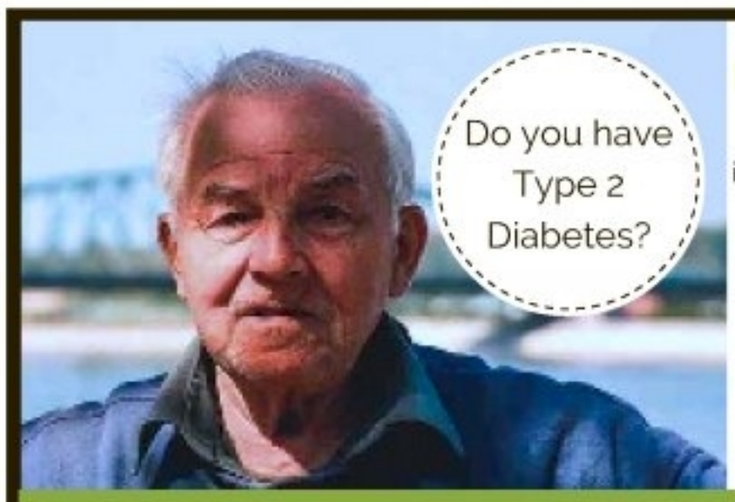

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Obama loses big veto on Saudi 9/11 bill

POLITICS

Victims of terror attack can now sue the Gulf nation

In a resounding rebuke, Democrats joined with Republicans Wednesday to hand Barack Obama the first veto override of his presidency, voting overwhelmingly to allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia in U.S. courts for its alleged backing of the attackers.

Both the House and Senate voted decisively to reverse Obama's decision to scuttle the legislation. Democrats in both chambers abandoned the president in large numbers despite warnings from Obama and top national security officials that flaws in the bill could put U.S. interests, troops, and intelligence personnel at risk.

The Senate vote was 97-1, with only Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid backing the president. The House vote a few hours later was 348-77, with 123 Democrats rebuffing the president and voting to override. Obama said that overriding his veto was a mistake that may set a "dangerous precedent."

Lawmakers said their priority wasn't Saudi Arabia, but the 9/11 victims and their families who continue to demand justice 15 years after attackers killed nearly 3,000 people. Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis.

"Overriding a presidential veto is something we don't take lightly, but it was important in this case that the families of the victims of 9/11 be allowed to pursue justice, even if that pursuit causes some diplomatic discomforts," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, a chief sponsor of the bill.

Speaking at a forum in Washington, CIA Director John Brennan said he was concerned about how Saudi Arabia, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, would interpret the bill. He said the Saudis provide significant amounts of information to the U.S. to help foil extremist plots.

"It would be an absolute shame if this legislation, in any way, influenced the Saudi willingness to continue to be among our best counterterrorism partners," Brennan said.

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Barack Obama worries about a "dangerous precedent" after being handed his first veto override. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry devices are history

BlackBerry said Wednesday it is through making its own smartphones, announcing plans to outsource hardware design. Here's a look at some of the handsets that helped the Canadian company scale the mighty heights — until Apple launched the iPhone.

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RIM 850
BlackBerry's first device, launched in 1999, wasn't a phone, but rather a two-way interactive pager that could send messages.

5000-6000 series
Launched in 2002, these were the company's first phone products.

BlackBerry Bold
The last of the truly beloved BlackBerry phones, it was launched in 2008. It was the Bold that diehard fans hung onto. Like, say, Kim Kardashian, who this year lamented she couldn't find a Bold on eBay.

BlackBerry 10
The company took too long to release the BlackBerry 10 — 2013 — and let the competition dominate the market. It tried to go without a physical keyboard with the Z10.

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STATISTICS

Women still can't get on boards

The number of Canadian women serving on corporate boards has inched up a mere one percentage point in the year since securities regulators first began ordering companies to track and disclose women in their ranks.

Of 677 companies listed on the TSX and analyzed by provincial regulators, women made up 12 per cent of all board seats, up from 11 per cent a year ago.

Fifty-five per cent of the companies had at least one female director, up 6 per cent from last year.

But that means 45 per cent did not have a single woman.

And, of 521 board seats that became open this year, only 76 were filled by women.

"That means eighty-five per cent of the time the seat was filled by a man," said Ontario Securities Commission CEO Maureen Jensen during an address to the Toronto Region Board of Trade on Tuesday.

"Without an improvement here, we will never reach 30-per-cent female board representation," she said.

Although the OSC did not set any specific benchmark, some lobby groups have set an informal target, and it was this that Jensen was referring to.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON FEDERAL APPROVAL FOR A PIPELINE

The first energy mega-project to be approved on Trudeau's watch provides a template for upcoming decisions on a set of controversial projects designed to bring Alberta oil to tidewater.

As Liberal leader and subsequently as prime minister, Justin Trudeau has talked in the abstract of the need to secure a social licence prior to undertaking any major energy project. Until this week, no one was sure what he actually meant by that.

That changed when the federal government gave the green light to a massive liquefied natural gas project on the coast of British Columbia on Tuesday.

Pacific NorthWest LNG would entail a pipeline across the province and a terminal to export liquefied natural gas from northern B.C. It has been billed as the largest private-sector development in the country's history.

It is the first energy mega-project to be approved on Trudeau's watch and it provides a tentative template for upcoming decisions on the merits of a set of controversial pipeline projects designed to bring Alberta oil to tidewater.

Here are some of the elements that went into or are missing from the mix of the social licence the Liberal government says it has found for this project:

The plan has solid support at the provincial level. B.C.'s Liberal government champions it. That stands in sharp contrast with the province's reluctance to publicly embrace either Kinder Morgan's or Enbridge's plans to connect the Alberta oilsands to the Pacific coast.

How high would emissions generated by a project have to be for cabinet to find that environmental impact outweighs economic benefits?

Pacific NorthWest LNG has come to terms with some but not all local First Nations communities. There are serious concerns over, among other matters, the health of the wild salmon habitat. Indigenous opponents of the project are vouching to continue their battle in court.

The environmental movement is not on board. From the Sierra Club to the David Suzuki Foundation and the Pembina Institute to name just a few, organizations concerned with climate change have come down against the decision. The fact that federal approval comes with 190 conditions attached has done little to mollify them.

One of the federal conditions would see the imposition of a hard cap on the project's greenhouse gas emissions. But even with such a cap in place, Pacific NorthWest LNG would significantly raise B.C.'s greenhouse gas output.

In a draft report released last winter, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency calculated that the project would be "one of the largest greenhouse gas emitters in Canada."

If the federal government did not consider that to be incompatible with Canada's international commitments on the climate change front, how high would the emissions generated by a project have to be for the Trudeau cabinet to find that its negative environmental impact outweighs its economic benefits?

B.C. Premier Christy Clark addresses the LNG in BC Conference in Vancouver in October 2015. Clark's government supports the Pacific Northwest LNG pipeline, which the Liberal government approved on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Whether the mix that has gone into the conditional approval of the LNG project is the right one will be hotly debated for months to come.

The decision has predictably split the opposition in the House of Commons with the Conservatives applauding the Liberal cabinet for having given the project the go-ahead but taking issue with the numerous conditions placed upon it and the NDP and Green Party portraying the approval as a breach of trust.

At the invitation of the First Nations, the courts will be called upon to wade into the debate.

Petronas, the state-owned Malaysian energy company that leads the consortium behind the project, will have a definitive say.

The company may yet balk at some of the federal conditions. There is a glut of gas on the world market. Notwithstanding the positive federal decision, the economic conditions may not in the end allow for Pacific NorthWest LNG to see the light of day.

As of now, though, the market rather than Canada's policy makers will presumably determine its fate.

Tackling climate change while pursuing a policy supportive of Canada's fossil fuel industry was always going to be a balancing act.

Stephen Harper had essentially concluded that the two were largely irreconcilable.

On his watch, the federal government made no apologies for acting as a facilitator for the industry. It purported that stance to be in the national interest.

There is no doubt that had the Conservatives been reelected, they would have approved B.C.'s LNG project, possibly with many of the same conditions imposed by their Liberal successor.

Trudeau, for his part, spent the last campaign talking about righting the environment/ energy balance. Based on the LNG decision, equilibrium between Canada's contribution to the mitigation of climate change and its energy ambitions remains as elusive as ever.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Clinton might be done in by the bias that dare not speak its name

The well-documented disparity between the volume of Donald Trump's and Hillary Clinton's media coverage has extended into the post-debate days, thanks in part to Trump's misogyny, or, sorry, his opinions about women.

The upside is that Rosie O'Donnell is witnessing a well-deserved resurgence unlikely to have occurred otherwise. The downside is the same as it's always been: The fact that criticisms of Trump read to many as compliments.

We may find this crazy-making, inconceivable, as bonkers as a budding friendship between Martha Stewart and Snoop Dogg.

But it's real.

And I do think we have to shoulder some blame. One of the cornerstones of the progressive, liberal mind is to observe injustice, name it, and seek to change it. In the process of doing so, we decided that some people are racist, and some people are not, that some are sexist, and others not. And that's where we may have gone wrong.

Most everyone will claim to be not — not sexist, not racist — and few will really wonder whether that's true.

But what if, to a degree, we are all biased in some ways? Wouldn't that mean that anyone claiming not to be sexist or racist is lying to some degree? And then wouldn't we all have to wonder: To what degree am I?

This is a question wound up in the political-correctness debate, in systemic racism, in acceptance of Trump's birtherism, and in the person of Hillary Clinton — in all the ways that sexism, implicit and otherwise, has shaped her career, her campaign, and is right now shaping her shot at the presidency.

Psychologists believe that implicit biases are behind many of the more subtle and intractable discriminations people face on the basis of age, gender, race, disability or background.

This could be such helpful information for us all, if only we'd admit it.

It would attack the No. 1 reason why hate persists: We imagine ourselves as perfect. We imagine ourselves as right.

Clinton's capacity for logic, her appeal to equality, and her vision of America are no match for those who've already decided they disagree, and that their lives, desires, and opinions are beyond rebuke.

God knows who the swing voters are, but I do believe one thing: If it was the norm to recognize our own biases, the race would not be quite so close.

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Couples with reefer sadness

RELATIONSHIPS

Smoking up more than your partner causes problems

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

With dispensaries popping up on every corner and a popular pro-legalization prime minister, some Canadians have a case of reefer madness.

But for couples learning their drug-use preferences are incompatible, the result can be reefer sadness instead.

Take Amanda and Jeff,* a couple in their 30s from Belleville, Ont.

For the last few months Amanda, who suffers chronic pain due to a serious car accident years ago, has been using medical marijuana from a dispensary to help her sleep.

It works great. But she didn't anticipate the problems it would create.

Her partner, Jeff, has always smoked recreationally, but once the drug was around the house he became a "pothead" who uses up more than half of her allowance and gets agitated if it runs out, Amanda said.

She's tried to hide her stash, but it never works for long because he has a "nose like a bloodhound when it comes to marijuana."

Weed has been the cause of some knock-down-drag-out fights, including one that ended in Jeff storming out and spending the night in their RV.

"I love him. But if he pushes me hard enough, I'll be pushing him out that front door," she said.

How much marijuana people want to use is "always a compatibility criteria," in relationships, said Toronto matchmaker and columnist Sofi Papamarko.

Reportedly, Brad Pitt's pot habit was one of the factors that led Angelina Jolie to file for divorce.

In contrast to alcohol, studies have not linked marijuana to "substantial partner conflict" or domestic violence, said UBC psychology professor Zach Walsh, who studies the effects of substance abuse on relationships.

But that doesn't mean reefer sadness isn't real.

"Like anything, whether it's online shopping or fantasy football, if it starts to become something you're over-focused with, that can hurt your relationship," Walsh said. "If cannabis leads you to be more likely to isolate (yourself) and zone out of interpersonal relationships, then it can be harmful."

Though it isn't as addictive as heroin or cocaine, marijuana dependence is real — heavy users often get anxious when they're out of weed, and if they quit suddenly, can be sleepless, grouchy and nauseous for a few days, according to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Molly, 27, a grad student from Toronto, is all too familiar with the downside of marijuana dependence. Her boyfriend of four years, who smokes to manage severe anxiety, used to have meltdowns if he couldn't get in touch with his dealer.

Dispensaries solved his access issue. But Molly worries her partner being "stoned all the time" is preventing him from reaching his full potential at school or work.

They used to live together, but she moved out, in part because he was "kind of living like a teenager" and his drug use was "disrupting" his ability to be a supportive partner.

"I have nothing against people who use substances, but if it starts to impact my relationship, that will be a deal-breaker," Molly said.

She wishes she asked more about his drug habits when they first started dating: "It's a lot harder to set boundaries after you've been with the person for a long time."

Marijuana isn't automatically a recipe for love trouble.

Getting high together is a bonding experience for many couples, psychologist Zach Walsh said.

Simon, a Toronto chef, said if anything marijuana has enhanced his relationship with his girlfriend, and "everyone should try it," because it reduces stress and makes him more sensitive to others.

(That's somewhat accurate: In the right conditions, pot can make your senses sharper and put you in an agreeable, slightly euphoric mood, according to U of T pharmacy professor Harold Kalant).

But it can also be a source of conflict if philosophies about drug use clash, even when neither partner is a heavy or dependent user.

That's where 26-year-old Hilary from southern Ontario is at with her husband. She got her weed-smoking phase over with in her teen years, but he became an enthusiast in his late 20s.

It has caused conflict between them, though not "catastrophically."

"It makes him a different person. You're hanging out with someone who is being kind of a goofball, and it's not funny," Hilary said, adding she'd rather spend the money on something they could do together.

"And sexually sometimes it's weird," she said. "Having sex with someone who is high when you're not high is just bizarre."

Surnames have not been used to protect privacy

It's a good idea to ask about a partner's pot-smoking habit early in the relationship, to confirm compatibility. ISTOCK

STYLE

YSL debut a nod to sultry, ultra-mini '80s glam

A huge crane in the colours of the French flag hoisted up a giant neon YSL logo above a construction site in the French capital, literally setting expectations high for this year's YSL show at Paris Fashion Week.

The decor announced that the grand debut from Saint Laurent's new designer Anthony Vaccarello on Tuesday night aimed to dramatically reconstruct the YSL esthetic following the departure of Hedi Slimane.

French singer Jane Birkin and her two actress daughters Charlotte Gainsbourg and Lou Doillon stared up expectantly alongside myriad iPhone-snapping fashionistas to marvel at the radiant 50-meter (164-foot) crane — a real machine being used to rebuild the house's Paris Left Bank headquarters.

"The derelict aspect sets a nice metaphor," said Gainsbourg, speaking from the show's front row.

"Anthony has completely understood the house codes," Doillon said ahead of the show.

As the designer's revealing looks filed by, the metaphor of reconstruction and renewal of the Saint Laurent image was heard loud and clear but the high expectations set by the decor were dashed.

This "new" image was largely a rehash of the Glamazon, uber-sexy, ultra-mini styles that have come to be synonymous with the 34-year-old Italian-Belgian designer's own brand and his work at Donatella Versace's flesh-baring Versus house.

To his credit, Vaccarello's debut featured a check-list of YSL archive references, with iconic YSL pieces fused alongside the sex esthetic.

A sultry leather variation on the voluminous sleeves of the Flamenco Dress shimmered with cool '80s micro-mini.

Yves Saint Laurent's 1968 transparent looks, which once shocked the fashion establishment, made a comeback and Vaccarello gave a nod to the textured materials of the famed 1976 Ballets Russes collection.

There was also, at times, a marked return to elegance, which had eluded his predecessor Slimane. Those touches turned up in revamped archive YSL tuxedos and lashings of black.

It was certainly not a groundbreaking collection, but many of the styles could prove highly appealing to the younger clients the house has courted in recent years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anthony Vaccarello's debut for YSL. GETTY IMAGES

Timing is everything: Naya Rivera

Naya Rivera is candid in Sorry Not Sorry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INTERVIEW

Former Glee star opens up about her younger years

One of the hardest personal stories for Naya Rivera to write in her book, Sorry Not Sorry, was the death of her Glee co-star Cory Monteith, who died of a drug overdose in 2013.

"The Cory chapter really choked me up. I had (co-star) Kevin (McHale) come over and help me edit and we both had our moment," Rivera said in a recent interview.

For fans of Glee, which aired 2009-2015, Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up is definitely worth a read to revisit the show's success from an insider's perspective.

Rivera, 29, shares how the cast dated, partied and basically had the ups and downs of twentysomethings who spend a lot of time together.

She also shares her story of starting in showbiz at a young age, relationship drama and finally getting it right with her now-husband, actor Ryan Dorsey.

This book was billed like you were going to "go there" and not hold back. Is that what happened?
It was my intention to not hold back, but the way that I saw the media portray it was 'Oh, it's a slam book,' but that's not at all what it is.

What was your intention?
I talk about my passion for writing in the book. If I wasn't acting in some way, shape or form, I would be writing music, screenplays or books. I'm very bookish. I love reading.

Is there anything you wanted to clear up in the book?
A few years ago, it was a tumultuous year. (Rivera dated and quickly became engaged to rapper Big Sean. They broke up a few months later and took some of their disagreements public in social media and, for Big Sean, his music.) Those were things that I definitely wanted to be able to clear up on my own.

You also write about how you dated your husband prior to Big Sean and got back together with him after that breakup and married a few months later. The media portrayed that as a rebound. Was it important for you to share your version of events?
I consulted with my husband on it all along the way ... I was like, 'Listen, to me, this is something so funny that nobody knows our history. ... Do you mind if I include this in the book?' He was supportive.

From Glee to reuniting with Dorsey, it seems like a big takeaway from your book is the importance of timing.
Everything in life is timing. I've grown up in this industry and there were a lot of projects that I really wanted and I would cry over and not understand why I didn't get them; had I gotten any one of those projects I wouldn't have gotten and been on Glee. That was a game changer in my life.

Since you're such an avid reader, do you like to read with your son?
He's a boy in every sense of the word, but I'll go, 'Do you want to read a book?' and he'll say, 'Yeah,' and he sits down and we'll read a book.

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

Nostalgia, imagined

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Witness the adventures of Julius Knipl: real estate photographer, and marvel at their banality.

This is nostalgia for something that never existed, or at least existed only in the minds of city dwellers with a tendency to be nostalgic.

Katchor's simple cartoons — collected here for their 25th anniversary — take us on a tour of scuffed streets just around the corner from where we used to live. On the way, there are all the little eccentricities of an old city: the unusually-flamboyant signature of an elevator inspector, some unreadable lettering on a 20th-floor window, a deli where all its famous customers are dead.

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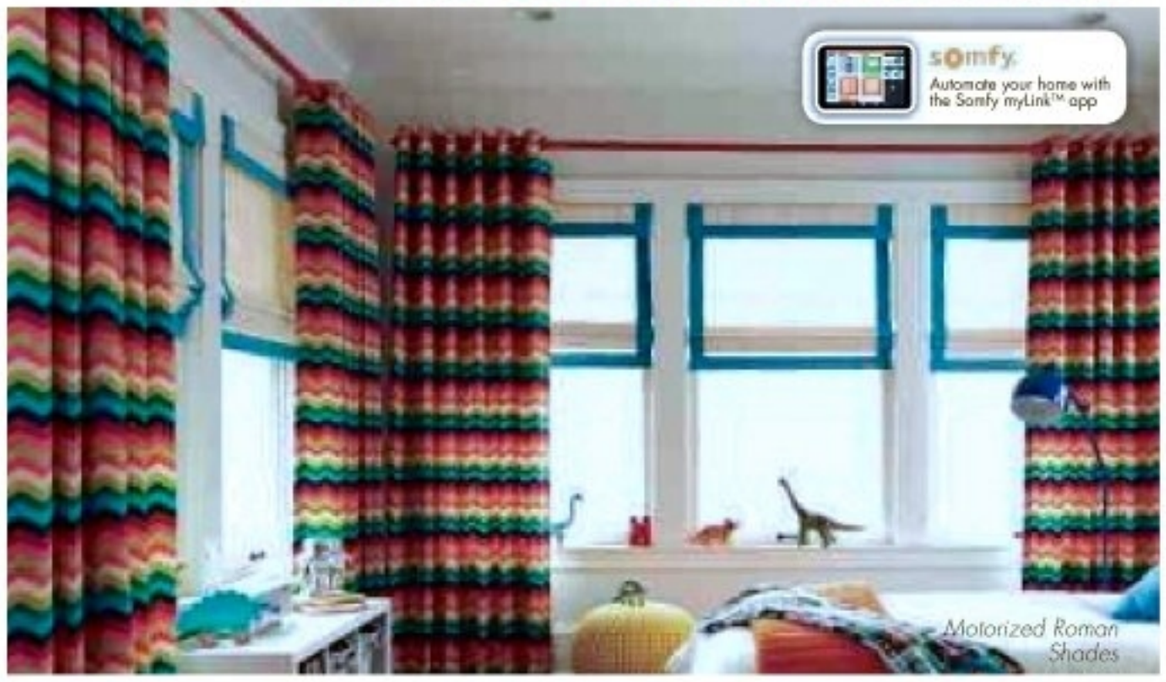

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Celebs: Our own fictional characters

INTERVIEW

Writer plants famous personalities in her stories

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Celebrity obsession reached an apex last week when Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt announced their impending divorce.

Under all those hilarious Jennifer Aniston memes and the gossipy speculations of adultery simmered an undercurrent of panic: if those two gorgeous people, seemingly in love, can't make it, what hope is there for the rest of us?

Toronto journalist Marni Jackson has spent a lot of time thinking about how celebrity culture is so deeply imbedded in our collective psyche.

Her debut collection of linked stories, Don't I Know You?, drops famous characters into the life of a woman named Rose McEwan.

The stories follow Rose from the age of 17, as a naive art student being innocently schooled by author John Updike, to 67 years old, as she paddles away on a canoe trip with Leonard Cohen, Karl Ove Knausgaard and Taylor Swift.

Though the premise sounds like a groaner of a joke, Jackson wasn't satirical in her approach to the book.

She says the biggest challenge in writing it was to make these people real, and credible as characters.

"I'm not dissing these celebrities. I'm celebrating their role in our lives because I am fascinated with why celebrities matter to us — and they do," she says.

"We joke about it and denigrate it but they're up there in the top-10 newsfeeds. The stories are an attempt to explore how intimate our relationships are to these stars, who are strangers."

Jackson, who has written fiction in the past as a way of "playing hooky from journalism," didn't set out to write this concept in a book format.

The collection started casually enough about 12 years ago when she rented a cottage in Quebec with her son and husband, journalist and filmmaker Brian D. Johnson.

They listened to a lot of Bob Dylan during that vacation, so much so that Jackson says, "It feels like you're living with him when you're marinating in the music."

The tambourine man inspired her first story, called Bob Dylan Goes Tubing, where the disoriented musician crashes a summer cottage vacation, with no intention of leaving.

After writing that story, others "just accumulated." There's a sage Joni Mitchell advising on relationships; a groggy tale of a boozy Keith Richards operating on Rose's liver; a friendly encounter with Meryl Streep at a Mexican spa. Even Adam Driver, of Girls, shows up to shovel some snow.

Jackson only based stories on artists whom she admires (though she admits there's a "titch of satire" in the story where Gwyneth Paltrow — with her powderless skin, described "like fresh drywall" — features as Rose's aesthetician, extracting blackheads from her nose.)

Some artists, like Cohen and Neil Young, were selected because their music and lyrics are so meaningful in so many people's lives.

"There's an intimacy there with their work, if not with them as personalities," says Jackson.

"I actually think that stars are our own fictional characters.

"We live through them and use our imagination to think of them as nice people or athletic or kind to animals, or whatever we want.

"We have our fictional way with them."

Marni Jackson's debut collection of linked stories, Don't I Know You?, features fictional encounters with famous people like Adam Driver, of Girls and the latest Star Wars film. CONTRIBUTED

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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BACHELORETTE CANADA

The Chad to drop in on series After Show

Bachelorette supervillain alert: The Chad is coming to Canada.

W Network says Chad Johnson, who gained infamy on recent seasons of The Bachelorette and Bachelor in Paradise, will be a guest on next week's edition of The Bachelorette Canada After Show.

Johnson, a luxury real estate agent from Oklahoma, was a contestant on JoJo Fletcher's season of The Bachelorette, where he was known chiefly for working out and threatening physical violence against other contestants.

Chad Johnson HANDOUT

When we last saw him on Bachelor in Paradise Season 3, he was being kicked off the show for a drunken rampage that included calling an amputee a "one-armed b—."

We can only imagine what he'll have to say about Drew Classen, current Bachelorette Canada villain, who's been compared to Johnson for his macho behaviour and clashes with other contestants.

So far, the After Show has scored some good guests. On Monday, former U.S. Bachelorette Kaitlyn Bristowe joined the panel along with her fiancé Shawn Booth and Big Brother Canada host Arisa Cox.

Joining Johnson next week will be bridal expert Jessica Mulroney and comedian Debra DiGiovanni.

The show, hosted by Jennifer Valentyne, airs Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m., following episodes of The Bachelorette Canada, which airs at 9 p.m.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The 'not really beautiful' woman

THE SHOW: Easy, S1, E5 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: Jane Adams' signature line

Graphic novelist Jacob (Marc Maron, 53) talks to his friend actress Annabelle (Jane Adams, 51) about sleeping with a 24-year-old in Netflix's Easy. CONTRIBUTED

Graphic novelist Jacob (Marc Maron, 53) spent the night with stunning selfie artist Allison (model Emily Ratajkowski, 25, star of the Blurred Lines video). "I'm not in love or anything," he ventures the next morning to his old friend, actress Annabelle (Jane Adams, 51).

"Can we talk about something else?" she asks.

Apparently not. "She likes that I do autobiographical work," Jacob says.

"She likes that you're famous," Annabelle says. "Go on."

"She likes that we're both autobiographical artists," he insists.

"How old is she?" Annabelle asks.

Jacob hesitates. "24," he says.

"Good for you," Annabelle says. "And really beautiful, right?"

"Your hair looks good," he says. They laugh.

Dear Jane Adams, I wonder how you feel about this moment. You've been called upon to play it before, in series (Hung) and movies (Little Children). It's the moment where you admit that the guy doesn't find you "really beautiful"; the moment that cues viewers to think, "If he had any soul, he'd see she's great."

But when you read yet another script that requires you to play this moment, do you sigh? Do you think, "I'm a terrific actress, I shine onstage. If I were male, I'd be Philip Seymour Hoffman"?

Hollywood wants to appear self-aware in these scenes by acknowledging that "not really beautiful" women aren't the centre of love stories. Yet it never actually supports a love story for you. Does that irony chafe? Are you committed to keep hammering at it, hoping to create change? Or are you just happy to work?

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Artist Robert Bateman's Haliburton cottage sold this week for $800,000

7 SUPER EASY UPGRADES FOR YOUR CONDOMINIUM

There's a lot you can do to add that fab factor without a requiring a lot of construction. Here are seven easy upgrades that will increase the value of your condo unit. **DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO**

1 No more boring floors

Upgrade your flooring to wood, laminate or engineered finishes: With new products made from exotic materials, your floors will make a big impression. Do-it-yourselfers will love the new click-lock glueless flooring. The edges of the planks have milled channels that snap together without nails, staples or adhesives, so you can create a complete floating floor over the course of a weekend.

2 Right shelves for your space

For small-space living, built-in shelving and beds with integrated drawers can help solve storage problems. Designed by companies like Sunpan Modern Home and Brentwood Classics, these space-saving, cleverly designed shelving systems can be custom-made to save floor space. They look great and increase value.

3 Fixture fix-it

Bathroom fixtures are an easy upgrade that create visual impact. Contemporary design faucets, rain heads and shower panels make a reasonably inexpensive upgrade. Popular for condos, the multi-jet, spa-like shower systems have integrated panels with body sprays, an overhead rain plate, and handheld mechanisms to transform your bathroom experience.

4 Smart kitchen

Trade up to high-end smart kitchen appliances: This will transform your kitchen while increasing the value and functionality of your home. Super-smart, network-connected appliances are the new trend for condos. Condo-sized ranges and fridges feature designer colours that pop, with a classic European look.

5 Faux is the way to go

Classical decorative finishes dramatically transform the look of your dwelling without a lot of construction and permanently increase the value of your investment. These finishes cover a wide range, from fabrics to paper, paints, foils, aluminum and gold leaf, and are an excellent way to convert your plain old condo walls and ceilings into a bold new experience.

6 Let there be lighting

Condo lighting fixtures can dramatically improve the atmosphere of a room. New high-tech lighting innovations include wireless dimmers and colour controlled lamps that let you paint with light. The Philips Hue system of white and colour ambiance bulbs allow you to control the look of a room from your smartphone. A quick and easy upgrade is to install modern light switches and outlets throughout your suite.

7 Add trim for the win

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After you've sold a late loved one's property, you are not responsible for paying taxes on it — but the city may be slow to catch up with the transfer. ISTOCK

LEGAL MATTERS

When death and property taxes collide

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: My mother passed away last spring and we have been involved in obtaining probate with our lawyer so that we can sell her condo, which has gone fairly smoothly. Firstly, I was surprised how long the probate process took and now, once we've sold the property we have received a further tax bill in the mail almost a month after the condo was transferred. I assume I am not responsible for these taxes but I am still concerned the city thinks I owe these monies on behalf of my mother. What should I do?

A: Firstly, don't be surprised over the time it takes to obtain probate which in turn will then allow you to sell a deceased's property. Typically, it takes several weeks depending upon the jurisdiction in which the person died. Metropolitan areas usually take longer due to the sheer number of people who pass and their estates need to be probated. (Probate is the court recognizing the person who has been named in the application as having the power to deal with and dispose of estate assets). At the time that the property is sold, there should be at least one letter sent to the taxing authority by the lawyer for the vendor (and often also by the lawyer for the purchaser). As a matter of course, my staff always sends these letters but experience would have it that the tax roll doesn't get changed right away. Depending on the municipality, three or four weeks is not adequate time to have the owners changed. You should let your lawyer know and have them forward the bill, which is not your responsibility, to the purchaser's lawyer.

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Intensification intensifies NIMBYism

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Industry needs to educate public on the issues

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

NIMBYism is a growing problem in the GTA and it one that impacts all of us.

Not-in-my-backyard sentiments or NIMBYism has always existed, however it's stronger now because of the changing nature of development across Toronto and the rest of the GTA.

Our communities are evolving and they are becoming denser as development adheres to the province's intensification policies. However many residents in existing communities like their neighbourhoods the way they are and don't want change.

More and more proposed developments are being met with resistance at the same time they are badly needed to help our region grow and thrive. Each year this region adds about 100,000 people due to immigration and growing families, and they all need a place to live.

Today we are hearing "Not in My Backyard" on everything from proposed condo developments near subway stations to townhomes projects in Scarborough. Those growing chants of NIMBY are adding to the GTA's ever worsening shortage of housing. They cause delays and increase costs which are ultimately passed on to people buying new homes.

Developers don't just build what they want. Government policies and plans at all levels dictate how land can be used and where and how development happens.

Ten years ago, the province of Ontario created the Greenbelt and introduced the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to change how development occurs in the GTA. It mandated more intensified forms of development and required more development to occur in existing communities.

In accordance with policy, our industry has been building to a more intensive pattern of development. Today we are building at least as many high-rise multi-family homes as ground-related single family homes.

Unfortunately there is little public understanding of and even less support for intensification. When intensification policies were introduced the industry encouraged the government to educate the public on how and why their neighbourhoods would change, but we have yet to see anything.

It is critical that the home building and land development industry communicate and share information early in the development process to help residents properly respond to proposed changes. We also need to help community stakeholders understand the goals and benefits of intensification and specific projects.

To help improve public awareness of these issues BILD has developed public education material on why our neighbourhoods are changing and how development can benefit everyone. There will be a large feature in tomorrow's Metro, please look for it. As well, there are a couple of animated videos that you can find on youtube.com/bildgta.

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How to create a garden to fall for

It may be autumn, but there's plenty that can be done to keep a garden going good. ISTOCK

GREENSPACE

Planting, pruning, composting are all key

Mark Cullen
For Torstar News Service

If your yard and garden start to look neglected in the fall, fear not: this is a great time of year to bring new life to your green spaces.

I am here to help.

Plant

I have planted most of my permanent gardens in the early fall. If you were a plant, you would understand: evening temperatures are dropping and there will be one last push of growth on most shrubs and evergreens.

Roses will put on one more show of colour before they go dormant. When you plant in September and early October, you introduce roots to soil at the ideal time of year. Trees, shrubs, evergreens and perennials put down new roots before the hard frosts of late autumn.

Thicken and green up your lawn

After a long, dry summer your lawn may look tired and full of brown patches. To bring it back to life, apply a quality slow-release nitrogen product with iron for best results now.

In late October or November, apply a quality fall lawn food to strengthen it for the winter season ahead.

While you're at it, overseed bare patches. Rake out dead grass, spread lawn soil or triple mix over the area about five to seven centimetres thick.

Spread quality grass seed over the area by hand, rake smoothly with a fan rake and step on it with flat-soled shoes to put the soil and seed in firm contact. Water thoroughly until germinated.

Dig and divide

Have a hosta that has outgrown its space? A monarda/bee balm that has moved where it is not wanted? The Shasta daisies that are pushing up where they don't belong? Dig them up now, divide them into smaller portions and replant them around the yard. Or give them away to friends and neighbours.

On the other hand, there are many "perennial plant exchanges" in every community: why not take part? Trade in your unwanted perennials for some new, better behaved ones.

Check out community events at your local library or horticultural club.

Note: when replanting divisions, prepare the soil well with plenty of compost and water them well.

Compost

Speaking of compost, this is compost season. If you don't have a composting unit, consider buying or building one. If you do have one, empty it onto existing soil in your garden where earthworms will make a meal of it and leave behind nitrogen-rich castings. Or you can turn it under with a shovel, if you are feeling ambitious. When you place raw material, such as kitchen scraps and soft-tissue yard waste into your composting unit, mix it up and add some composted cattle manure to introduce beneficial bacteria and microbes.

Reflect

While our gardens peaked in the summer, there is still a lot of colour out there to enjoy. Walk around your neighbourhood, local parks and public gardens and observe what is going on there. Are there plants that appeal to you? Garden design concepts? Unusual trees or shrubs? If you want to take this further, I encourage you to call a garden designer this time of year. They are generally not as busy now as they were in the spring and have more time to focus on your ideas and questions about your garden.

Mark Cullen is an expert gardener, Order of Canada recipient, author and broadcaster. Get his free monthly newsletter at markcullen.com. Follow him on Twitter @MarkCullen4.

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Shed some light on the matter

DIY

Shade can be created with different materials

Add a little glow to your home with a pendant light made using objects you might find around the house.

The options are endless. Whether it's a bowl, Mason jar, vintage globe or an up-cycled lampshade, all that's required is the right tool for the job.

We figured a basket is an easy way to try your hand at lamp making; after all, it's a power-tool-free option.

It's also a great way to add texture and warmth to a room. But watch out: once you make one, you'll be looking for other things to stick a socket in.

Step 1: Gather the supplies
We used a plug-in cord set for this project. To hang the pendant, get creative and wind the cord loosely around a large hook, a wooden shelf bracket or drape it from a tree branch.

Be sure to use a low-watt bulb. Anything that gets too hot could be a hazard.

You'll need:
- Basket
- Cord set
- Scissors
- Paint
- Pencil

Step 2: Trace the hole
Use a pencil to trace around the bottom of the socket.

Step 3: Cut it out
Use scissors or a utility knife to make a hole in the basket.

Step 4: Paint
Paint a stripe around the bottom of the basket. We painted free hand, following the weaving. Let paint dry.

Step 5: Install cord set
Ensure the bottom ring is removed from the cord set. Insert the socket into the hole. Turn the basket over and screw the ring on the socket, inside the basket. Install light bulb.

Step 6: Enjoy!
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This DIY pendant lamp adds the perfect rustic touch to a room, while providing a soft glow. The basket also adds texture and interest. PHOTOS DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RETAIL

Not feeling crafty? Buy it

We've found five stylish lamps that are ready to use with the flick of a switch.

1 **Cooper Lampworks** Etsy can be an amazing source for unique lighting, including this colourful egg basket lamp.
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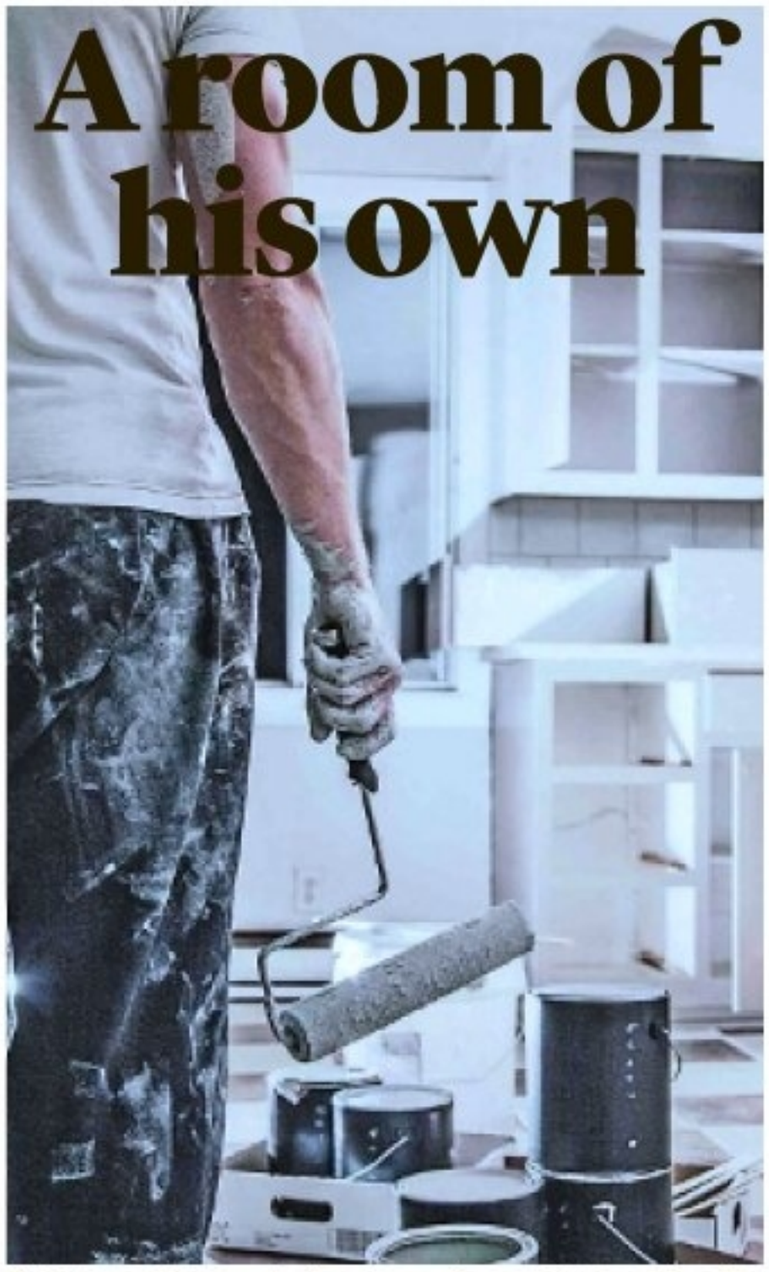

Subtle, tonal hues make for a masculine aesthetic, while still incorporating elements that are traditionally considered feminine, like a softness and attention to detail. ISTOCK

MASCULINE LOOK

Menswear motifs give decor a dash of debonair

Many of this fall's home decor collections are sporting a rather debonair look.

Tweeds, tartans and twills drape cushions and comforters; furniture is clad in supple leather; drapes are made of suiting fabric; and hardware takes style notes from the gentlemen's accessory drawer.

"The classic good looks of menswear are popping up in subtle and unexpected ways," said Jamie Drake of the luxury design firm Drake/Anderson Interiors in New York.

Drake and business partner Caleb Anderson are fans of woven horsehair textiles, and have produced a collection for Holland & Sherry. The sleek fabrics with subtle yet striking colorations are loomed from horse tails and cotton. Their durability makes them ideal for chair, bench and headboard upholstery.

Drake also has designed a collection of luxury bath accessories with a classic herringbone pattern on charcoal-grey, embossed Italian suede. Named Savile, after London's famed street of haberdashery, the collection is trimmed with polished chrome for a crisp, tailored look.

And for Stark, Drake's Jakara pattern puts the elegant chevron in a soft wool rug, offered in urbane neutrals.

Subtle, tonal hues and fabrics with a textural depth offer a handsome — often luxurious — masculine esthetic that transcends gender, says Shawn Sowers, principal design director at furniture company Sauder, in Archbold, Ohio.

"It incorporates several elements traditionally considered feminine, like softness and attention to detail," he said. "There's still a masculine presence of mass, strong forms and bold simplicity, but these elements are paired with elegance and details that take into account multiple senses."

Sowers and his team designed their repurposed, naturally worn oak Cannery Bridge collection of living room, bedroom and home office pieces to have a hefty rusticity. Sowers cheekily calls the target demographic the "urban beardsman."

His Conductor credenza blends a sexy mix of copper, marble and steel. The Boot Leg dining table pairs a charcoal-black finish with leather-wrapped legs.

"It's like a V-neck shirt under a blazer or sport coat," Sowers said. "It can live in a variety of environments and be relevant and stylish."

Taking the menswear look into lighting in a whimsical way, Houzz offers a collection of pendant fixtures inspired by haberdashery. The Jeeves fixture, in matte black metal with a warm gold interior, evokes a classic British bowler. Zuo Modern's Aspiration pendant is a pashmina wool "top hat" lined in burnished gold.

Even light switches are picking up the theme: Legrand's wall plates are available in black leather.

Brooklyn-based brothers Emil and Sandy Corsillo, who design menswear under their Hill-Side label, have partnered with CB2 on a collection of home goods. A brawny, striped throw pillow in navy and grey reflects the designers' workwear roots, while deconstructed indigo floral prints on a comfy chair and big floor cushion echo shirt and tie patterns.

Or bring the masculine vibe home with room scents; many evoke men's fragrances or toiletry items.

Blind Barber offers the midnight-blue, soy-wax Tompkins candle, a mix of aromas like honey, smoke, leather, lavender and "freshly laundered towels," all ostensibly evoking that traditional male enclave: the barber shop.

Like a delicious men's cologne, Molton Brown's Black Peppercorn candle wafts coriander, vetiver and pepper notes from a maroon-coloured glass tumbler. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **There's still a masculine presence of mass, strong forms and bold simplicity, but these elements are paired with elegance.**
> Shawn Sowers, design director

Jamie Drake has designed the collection for Labrazel, which employs Italian herringbone embossed suede. HANDOUT

TIPS

How to still have a cool place, post-children

For new parents, the urge to keep little ones entertained and enriched can often lead to a home so full of baby gear and toys that grown-up style all but disappears.

It doesn't have to be like that.

Designer Theodore Leaf of Los Angeles says he works with many clients trying to keep their whole home from becoming a playroom.

"All my coolest friends have kids now. And there's just nobody giving up their cool card," said Leaf, host of Living Big Under 1,000 Sq. Ft. on Apple TV's new channel The Design Network.

For one thing, he says, "People are having kids older, so they have better stuff. The whole 'Oh, this sofa is a jungle gym now' thing has changed, because it's an $8,000 sofa that they love."

How do you make a home both kid- and grownup-friendly? Leaf and two other interior designers, Mikel Welch and Nathan Turner, offer some ideas:

Shelving with covered storage prevents a kid's space from looking too Romper Room. ISTOCK

Hidden storage

All three designers recommend built-in shelving with closed cabinets at floor-level. Leaf suggests adding drawer pulls that are easy for little hands to grab, like a long bar that runs the length of the drawer.

"Kids open it, and know, 'It's for me,'" he said. And they learn that "that top shelf, with the cable box or whatever, 'That's not for me.'"

Instead of a traditional coffee table, consider an upholstered ottoman with space inside. The ottoman provides both storage and a soft surface for toddlers who are learning to walk. And it doesn't have to be boring; you can buy one that's the right size and have it reupholstered with a fun pattern.

Or, Leaf suggests, try using a vintage trunk as a coffee table. If you find one at a flea market but can't get the inside clean enough, just place a big plastic bin inside and store toys there. If you want to keep decorative items on top, situate them on a tray with handles so you lift it on and off easily.

> **People are having kids older, so they have better stuff.**
> Theodore Leaf

One more hidden storage idea: Bench seating with space inside.

"I live in 800 square feet, so even hiding paper towels is an issue for me," Leaf said. He's added banquette seating that flips up to reveal empty space.

"I could put a whole jungle gym in there," he said.

Grown-up items

If you're setting up a seating area for children to draw or do craft projects, resist the urge to buy a table and chairs designed for a child. You can find smaller-scale furniture that suits your style, says Turner, host of the food and home design series "Snack Chat" on The Design Network.

Choose fabrics that are durable and forgiving with spills, he says. Many companies now make outdoor fabrics that are soft to touch and perfect for indoors too.

Lighter colours — perhaps even white — can work if it's the right fabric, says the Chicago-based Welch, a former "HGTV Design Stars" competitor.

Along with more grown-up furniture, you can also add stylish toys. Leaf suggests searching flea markets or the web for antiques. One client of his found a chic, midcentury-style dollhouse that's become a focal point of their living room.

Cool kids' room

Welch recently designed a nursery that had chic, black-and-white stripes on the walls instead of baby pastels. "I didn't feel like the room needed to be really juvenile," he said. "A lot of times people feel boxed in," he adds, but "you don't need basketballs on the walls" for boys or princesses for girls.

Turner agrees, and adds that babyish decor can be impractical.

"Children grow so quickly and their tastes change and they start wanting to have their own environment," he said. If you choose "very juvenile things ... you're going to have to do it all over again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gary Bettman says the World Cup of Hockey format will live on but the NHL and NHLPA have yet to decide when the next one will occur

The future arrives at Leafs training camp

NHL

Matthews' maturity on display during media blitz

Auston Matthews has been busy recently playing in the World Cup of Hockey, familiarizing himself with Toronto and getting to know his new teammates. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Auston Matthews stepped onto the ice Wednesday for his first training camp practice with the Maple Leafs, and broke a sheet of glass just fooling around with Mitch Marner in a shooting drill after the workout.

The first overall pick, already anointed the single biggest reason for belief in a franchise turnaround, didn't need broken glass to take expectation levels any higher than they already are.

"Lou's not gonna be happy," Matthews said, referring to Leafs general manager Lou Lamoriello.

"A lucky day for me, there, it was a terrible shot, it wasn't hard, just hit it in the right place," Matthews added, smiling, and shrugging off all the attention to his first moments on the ice as a Leaf at the MasterCard Centre.

For all the hype surrounding him, Matthews continued to show the maturity and politeness hockey fans saw over the past 10 days of the World Cup, where he starred on Team North America with Leafs teammate Morgan Rielly, Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel.

The World Cup "was a great challenge for me, and the way I played, going into training camp here, it gave me some confidence," Matthews said.

That may have been exemplified when the 19-year-old rookie, who hasn't played an NHL game yet, refers to his Hall of Fame GM as "Lou."

As for his first official practice, Matthews was met with a media corps so large, it had to be broken down into two halves (print and TV), even with the World Cup still ongoing at the Air Canada Centre.

He's already made a lot of new hockey friends with the Leafs, and is getting to know Toronto through dinners, mall visits and Jays games with his teammates (he's a Dodgers fan, though, partly because his father, Brian, a former college pitcher, lived in Los Angeles).

> **This is an exciting chance for me and I'm anxious to get going and just play hockey.** Auston Matthews

Now, it's down to the business of becoming a Leaf, but the exact details of that process will be a work in progress.

With Mike Babcock coaching Team Canada at the World Cup, assistant Jim Hiller and others are handling Leafs camp, and they had Matthews (wearing No. 34) out on a line with Leo Komarov and James van Riemsdyk.

Babcock, at the Team Canada workout Wednesday, said Matthews would start the season as the Leafs' third-line centre.

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MLB

Jays bullpen coughs up late lead to O's

At Rogers Centre

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ORIOLES	BLUE JAYS

Pinch-hitter Hyun Soo Kim hit a two-run homer off Roberto Osuna in the ninth inning as the Baltimore Orioles came back for a 3-2 victory over the Blue Jays on Wednesday at Rogers Centre.

Kim took a 3-2 pitch from the Toronto closer over the right-field wall for his sixth homer of the season. Orioles closer Zach Britton recorded three straight outs for his 47th save in 47 opportunities.

The Blue Jays wasted a solid outing from Toronto starter Francisco Liriano, who struck out 10 batters over 6-1/3 innings.

The loss left Toronto (87-71) one game ahead of the Orioles in the race for the first wild-card spot in the American League. The teams will play the rubber game of the three-game series on Thursday night.

Toronto scratched out runs early in the game with sacrifice flies. Ezequiel Carrera opened the scoring in the first inning and Troy Tulowitzki added another run in the second.

The teams put up zeros until the eighth when Baltimore's Mark Trumbo turned on a Jason Grilli pitch for his major league-leading 46th homer of the season.

The Boston Red Sox clinched the AL East with Toronto's loss.

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BASEBALL

Tebow thumps first pitch for a homer

Tim Tebow made a powerful first impression for the New York Mets instructional league.

The former NFL quarterback homered on the first pitch he saw Wednesday in his instructional-league debut, against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It was fun," said Tebow, who went 1-for-6 and put the ball in play in each plate appearance. "I just wanted to have the approach that I was going to be aggressive. That's something we've been talking about every day and practising. It was probably a little high, but I got good barrel on it and it went out."

Tim Tebow
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The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner drove a high 90 m.p.h. fastball over the left-field fence. The 29-year-old flashed a broad smile as he approached home plate, then was overwhelmed by his teammates, who had come out of the dugout to swarm him.

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RAPTORS

Heslip sets his sights on final roster spot

The money was nice, money is always nice, and the chance to be home around family and friends wasn't anything to sneeze at, either.

But it was the chance — a legitimate opportunity to earn something he desires greatly — that led Brady Heslip to training camp with the Toronto Raptors.

He's been down this road once before but only as training camp fodder with the Minnesota Timberwolves. This is different, though. This time there is a spot to fight for and like any self-respecting athlete, Heslip just wants a chance to prove himself.

"The other guys who are here are great players too but there's a spot to have," the 26-year-old native of Burlington said. "Last time, when I was in Minnesota, that wasn't the case and now it's a little bit different mindset because there is one spot and you've just got to play as hard as you can, do everything everyone asks you and play well.

"You never know what will happen."

Brady Heslip
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It's impossible to say now how the tryout for the 15th spot will shake out but it would appear that Heslip and guard Fred VanVleet would have the inside track. With Delon Wright recovering from shoulder surgery and not expected to play until December at the earliest, having a third guard in case of emergency, game-to-game foul trouble or nicks to either Kyle Lowry or Cory Joseph is an acute need.

Heslip may be known primarily as a three-point shooter — he holds the D-League record for made threes in a game with 13 — but he knows he has to show a more rounded game.

"I just want to make shots, play smart, show them that I can guard and do other things and see what happens," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Watt reinjures back, out until at least December

J.J. Watt is out until at least December and could miss the rest of the season with an injured back, leaving the Texans searching for ways to deal with the loss of the NFL's best defensive player.

Watt, who has won the Defensive Player of the Year for the past two seasons, was placed on injured reserve on Wednesday, which means he'll be out for a minimum of eight weeks.

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Cubs reward Epstein with a five-year contract extension

The Chicago Cubs announced a five-year contract extension with president of baseball operations Theo Epstein on Wednesday, rewarding him for an overhaul that has the long-suffering franchise eyeing its first championship since 1908.

The Cubs were a major league-leading 101-56 heading into Wednesday's game at Pittsburgh.

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MLS TFC PLAY ORLANDO TO SCORELESS DRAW Toronto FC midfielders Armando Cooper, left, and Michael Bradley close in on Orlando City SC's Kaka on Wednesday night at BMO Field. TFC (13-8-10) is on 49 points after the 0-0 tie, one ahead of the New York Red Bulls atop the MLS Eastern Conference with three games left in the regular season. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pep's balloon popped

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Man City's run of wins halted on 10 at Celtic

Manchester City came from behind three times to draw 3-3 at Celtic in a Champions League thriller on Wednesday that ended the English team's 100 per cent start to the season under new coach Pep Guardiola.

City's winning run to open the campaign stopped at 10 games — one short of matching the English record — on a sloppy evening at Parkhead in Glasgow.

Pep Guardiola GETTY IMAGES

Fernandinho and Raheem Sterling scored equalizers for City in an action-packed first half after Celtic went ahead twice through Moussa Dembele, in the third minute, and Sterling's own goal in the 20th.

Dembele restored Celtic's lead barely a minute into the second half after Aleksandar Kolarov's defensive error, only for Nolito to equalize for City in the 55th.

City had previously won six matches in the Premier League, three in the Champions League between the group stage and qualifying, and one in the English League Cup. That put City within sight of Tottenham's 11 straight wins to start the 1960-61 campaign.

"It's OK, it's one point, we didn't lose," said Guardiola, whose team faces Barcelona in back-to-back matches next.

The action-packed match saw City go behind and also concede more than once for the first time under Guardiola.

Celtic — thrashed 7-0 by Barcelona in its first Group C game — pressed high and forced errors in from City, whose defence was shambolic at times without rested John Stones and injured captain Vincent Kompany.

"Every time we went forward, we looked like we could score," Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MATCH DAY 2

- **Atletico 1,** Bayern 0
- **Arsenal 2,** FC Basel 0
- Besiktas 1, Dynamo Kyiv 1
- Borussia Mon. 1, **Barcelona 2**
- Celtic 3, Man. City 3
- FC Rostov 2, PSV 2
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- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- pinch salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 apples, diced
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- pinch nutmeg
- pinch ginger
- 1/2 cup coconut milk

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400.
2. In a large bowl, toss sweet potato with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and salt. Spread on a greased baking sheet and roast 20 minutes until tender.
3. In a large pot over medium heat, add remaining olive oil, garlic, carrot and onion. Cook, stirring ntil vegetables are tender, 10 minutes. Stir in stock and add sweet potato, apple and spices and cover. Simmer for about 15 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and using an immersion blender or blender, purée until smooth. Add more stock to adjust the consistency of the soup.
5. Return soup to low heat, stir in milk and allow to simmer another 5 minutes then season to taste.

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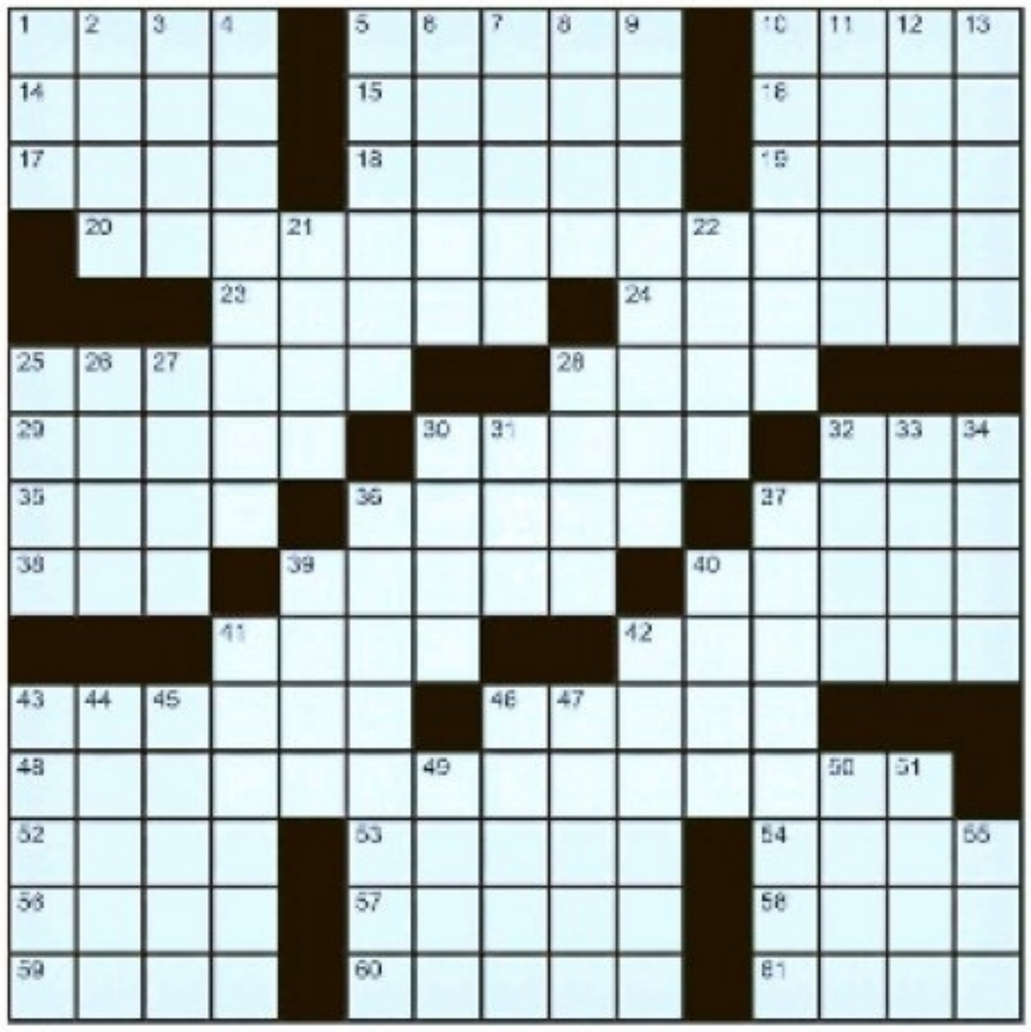

ACROSS
1. New newts
5. Lively dance
10. 251 in ancient Rome
14. Coalition
15. "All systems __ __!" (All set!)
16. Sir Guinness
17. __ fide
18. Road trip layover
19. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
20. 1951 World War II-set movie starring Wendell Corey, with The, directed by Toronto-born director Allan Dwan ...who also directed the movie at #48-Across: 3 wds.
23. Stacks
24. Semblances
25. Field
28. Business firm abbr.
29. Wavy silk fabric
30. Film critic Jeffrey
32. 'Most Wanted' org.
35. Alberta town
36. Wedding cake layers
37. Hospital wing
38. "Sheesh!"
39. Crowded
40. Allegiant
41. Modern-day message
42. CFL player's numbered top
43. "What __ to say was..."
46. Spy's old-time garment
48. Shirley Temple musical comedy of 1938, "Rebecca of __ __" (Trivia! Canadian actress Mary Pickford starred in the 1917 silent movie version)
52. Scottish tennis player Mr. Murray
53. Unusual
54. Bone to pick
56. Classical solo tune
57. Aquatic mammal
58. Highway division
59. Camping beds
60. Emperors like Genghis
61. Additional

DOWN
1. Dwindle
2. Move like a river
3. Ms. Collette
4. Outside-the-venue ticket touters
5. Play casino games
6. Try out for __ (Do this as an auditioner)
7. "__ __ pray..." ...said the sermon-giver
8. Arch type
9. Triangles and squares, for example
10. Feline's treat
11. Lummoxes
12. Flood-preventing formation
13. Freezers
21. Grim
22. Not theirs
25. City's air problem
26. Flag flyer
27. Cover
28. Centre
30. Laundry fuzz
31. Aye
32. Cardston, Alberta born actress Ms. Wray's (b.1907 - d.2004)
33. Hillside
34. In an overly-casual fashion
36. Standard, as a case
37. Feasible
39. Say it isn't so
40. Dining room table lengthener
41. Country legend Ms. Tucker, and namesakes
42. Wisecrackers
43. Violinist Mr. Stern
44. Nobel-winning Canadian author Alice
45. Finish the love affair: 2 wds.
46. Terra __
47. Actress Sophia
49. Baseball legend Babe
50. Existent
51. Clothing department
55. Price

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Remember that you need more rest in the next few weeks. Interactions with partners and close friends also are more important.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do whatever you can to feel that you are more efficient and on top of your game, as this will please you. This even applies to your health.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Grab every chance to slip away on a vacation or to enjoy sports and playful activities with children. This is a fun time for your sign. Romance looks promising!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
For the next few weeks, your focus is on home, family and your private life. You also will enjoy cocooning at home among familiar surroundings. Interactions with a parent will be significant.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Accept your busy pace of short trips and visits, because this will continue for several weeks. Discussions with siblings, neighbors and relatives are significant.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because you sense that you can earn more money, your focus right now turns to earnings and cash flow. Think about what it is that you truly value and want.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a strong, energetic time for you because the Sun is in your sign. Since people and favorable circumstances easily will come your way, take advantage of this!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Continue to work alone or behind the scenes, for best results. Start to get your ducks in a row for when the Sun enters your sign and you are strong!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Socialize extensively now, because the focus is on groups and friends this month. Examine the role these relationships play in your life, because they are important to you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's easy for you to make a great impression on bosses, VIPs and parents right now. You have an advantage — make your pitch and go after what you want!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel will appeal to you now and in the next few weeks. Grab any opportunity to learn more and expand your experience of life.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Tie up loose details regarding inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt, because this will be easy for you now. Look for ways to be the best that you can be.

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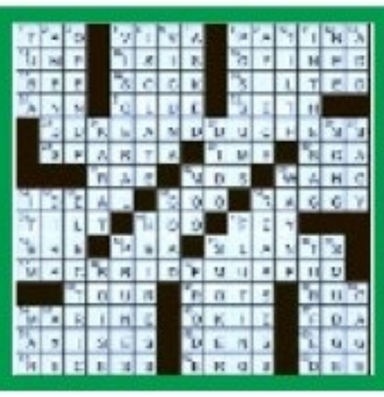

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2	4	6	7	1	8	9	5	3
7	8	5	6	3	9	2	1	4
1	9	3	5	2	4	8	6	7

OPENING SPECIAL CF TORONTO EATON CENTRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 10:30A.M. – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

EXTRA FINE MERINO SWEATER

$49.90 ▸ $39.90

Amazingly high-quality, smooth texture of super-fine fibres of just 19.5 microns. UNIQLO's groundbreaking milling technology makes extra fine Merino wool fibres machine washable without pilling, shrinking or loss of sheen.

ULTRA LIGHT DOWN PARKA

$99.90 ▸ $89.90

Lightweight, water-repellent and pocketable. It also features a heat-reflecting aluminum lining for increased insulation and warmth. Aluminum print lining reflects back 1.5 times the heat that the body gives off, keeping warm air inside your clothes.

SPECIAL PROMOTION

1.
Join us for our store opening on September 30th: the first 500 customers who line up will receive a special limited-edition tote bag.

2.
On September 30th, customers who line up at the store entrance (located in the Dundas Atrium) before 10:00 a.m. will be entered for the chance to win a trip for two to Tokyo.

TRIP TO TOKYO!!

WOMEN'S ANKLE LENGTH PANTS

$39.90 ▸ $29.90

These comfortable, easy pants are your best friend for workday style. A smart, cropped pant that we carefully designed for ease. Simply pull them on and go.

COTTON WIDE TAPERED

SMART STYLE

MEN'S STRETCH SKINNY FIT TAPERED COLOUR JEANS

$39.90 ▸ $29.90

These jeans are amazingly stretchy in two ways, vertically and horizontally, to keep you comfortable all day no matter how you move.